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STILL SOME UNEMPLOYED

Statistics presented to the N.E. Kent Guardians Committee on Monday showed that out-relief had been granted in 22 cases of unemployment in Thanet during the week ended 28th June.

Councillor B. T. Dixon (Deal) pointed out that there were no unemployed receiving out-relief at Deal or Sturry and there was only one case at Sandwich.

The Rev. F. A. Waterhouse: We have to remember that the population in Thanet is very much higher and one must bear in mind that there is nothing very much to do in this part of the country just now, unfortunately.

If It's News ring Ramsgate 1012.

TRIED TO SWIM ACROSS RIVER

YOUTH DROWNED AT FIRST ATTEMPT

Four days after he disappeared while bathing in the River Stour at Stonar the body of a 17-year-old Eastry youth was found six miles higher up the river at Monkton.

The youth, Cyril Stanley Atkins, was employed by a mushroom grower at Stonar.

Accompanied by Edward Smith and George Friend, two other youths employed at the mushroom farm, Atkins decided to take a lunch-hour dip in the river. He was not a strong swimmer so his two companions agreed to swim on either side of him as he attempted to swim from one bank to the other.

When they were half-way across Smith found that the swiftly running current was carrying him down on to Atkins, so he shot ahead in order not to impede him. Atkins then got into difficulties and grabbing hold of Friend dragged him under the water. Friend succeeded in bringing Atkins to the surface but he was so exhausted that he could not complete the rescue.

Armed with chains, police officers dragged the river until 11.30 that night and throughout the following day, but it was not until four days later that a shepherd saw the body floating in the river at Monkton.

A verdict of "Death by Misadventure" was returned by the East Kent Coroner (Mr. Rutley Mowll) at the inquest at Minster on Saturday.

Wore Bathing Costumes at Work.

Sergt. William John Atkins, Royal Marines, of Gore-street, Eastry, father of the boy, said his son enjoyed very good health. He was very fond of bathing but witness did not know whether he could swim. He understood that the temperature was high in the mushroom sheds and the boys wore their bathing costumes while working.

Dr. M. M. Frazer, of Eastry, said Atkins was one of his panel patients and he had known him almost all his life. He had never had an illness of any real seriousness. In 1940 witness attended him for muscular rheumatism. This suggested that the possibility of cramp might have entered into the fatality.

Dr. Frazer said when he carried out a post mortem the previous day he found no external marks of violence. All the organs were normal and healthy with the exception of the lungs, which showed characteristics of death from drowning. The hands were clenched, which was also an indication of drowning. The stomach was very much distended, and he formed the opinion that Atkins went into the water shortly after a meal.

Edward Smith, aged 15, of Woodnesborough-road, Sandwich, said they knocked off work at 12.30 p.m. the previous Monday and after lunch decided to go for a swim. Atkins was not much of a swimmer and the water was pretty deep. They first went into the river at 12.45 but Atkins remained in only for about five minutes. Witness and Friend went in again and when they came out Atkins said he wanted to swim to the other side of the river. He had never attempted this before.

Continuing, witness said they set out on either side of Atkins to give him confidence. The river at this spot was about 24 yards across and when they were at about the centre he struck out against the stream for the opposite bank as he found the tide carrying him down on to Atkins. When he reached the bank he looked round and saw Atkins was in trouble. He jumped into the water again but before he could reach Atkins he had disappeared. When witness and Friend returned to the bank they sent for the manager, who got out a boat to search for Atkins.

Witness said that after Atkins went into the water for the first time he complained about the cold breeze.

Rescuer Dragged Under.

George Friend, aged 20, of Mill-road, Deal, said when they were about half-way across the river he looked at Atkins and saw that he was struggling instead of swimming. Witness swum towards him and Atkins clung on to witness and pulled him under. He managed to bring him to the surface and got one hand under his chin. With the other hand he struck out for the bank. He had gone only a few feet when Atkins started struggling furiously. He turned over and got hold of witness' head to keep himself up. Witness had to dive and when he came up Atkins had disappeared. Witness was almost exhausted and made for the bank, where he was pulled out.

P/C Ludman, K.C.C., stationed at Sandwich, gave evidence of the dragging operations and said that at the spot where Atkins disappeared the water was 15-20 ft. deep.

The Coroner: Not a very good place for a weak swimmer?

Witness: No sir, I would not advise even a good swimmer to go in there.

Albert Edward Brunger, a shepherd, of Royal Exchange, Monkton, said he saw the body floating face downwards in the river about half a mile south-east of Docker Hill on Thursday afternoon.

Summing up the Coroner said no one was to blame for the tragedy. Atkins had a meal just before going bathing, which was unwise, and he was swimming in a bad part of the river.

Explaining why he was sitting without a jury the Coroner said it was difficult to get one owing to the number of people who had evacuated. He liked the assistance of a jury, whose collective mind he considered to be superior to his own.

HARD HIT TRADERS

HELPED BY NEW ACT

AVOIDING BANKRUPTCY

Traders in areas such as Thanet who are finding it increasingly difficult to meet their commitments owing to evacuation and other war-time factors can now take their problems for sympathetic consideration to Liabilities Adjustment Officers appointed under the provisions of the Liabilities (War-Time) Adjustment Act which came into operation this month.

The object of the Act is to assist traders involved in difficulties owing to war conditions to avoid the normal drawbacks of peace time bankruptcy. In effect, the Act sets up legal machinery for arranging private bankruptices.

Mr. F. C. Wells, who has for some years been the Official Receiver, has been appointed a Liabilities Adjustment Officer for Kent with an office at Canterbury, and sub-offices have already been opened at Dover and Folkestone. There is at present no officer appointed for Thanet but any trader requiring information regarding the Act can obtain it at the County Court office, 34 Chatham-street, Ramsgate.

Under the new Act, which operates through the County Court machinery, persons, whether traders, professional men or others, in serious financial difficulties because of war circumstances, may privately consult the Liabilities Adjustment Officer with a view to his aid and mediation in arriving, by agreement and in a spirit of mutual accommodation, at arrangements with their creditors to tide over the present difficulties and to enable businesses to be preserved and, at all events, resumed in favourable circumstances when the war is over.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that consultation with the Liabilities Adjustment Officer, which is of a private character, is not meant in any way to supersede the normal consultation that business men and others have in this important matter with their own legal or professional advisers. Those advisers will frequently, with all their knowledge of the peculiarities of the individual cases, be the best qualified to suggest to the L.A.O. such a reasonable and fair adjustment of their clients' obligations as will enable serious difficulties to be tided over.

By the terms of the Act, persons voluntarily submitting themselves to the new procedure and acting in good faith towards their creditors suffer none of the statutory disabilities attaching to bankruptcy. They do not undergo a public examination and discharge is automatic, in due course, on application, provided the debtors have only carried out what they have undertaken to do on consideration of the facts by the Court. The agreed arrangements involve no publicity but are private matters as between creditors and debtors.

The Court's Powers.

Schemes under the Act may provide for, among other things, composition of debts and the postponement of payment. The Court has discretion to exempt from realisation the debtor's home or business premises, furniture and tools and, in suitable cases, the postponement of the realisation of property which in current circumstances it might be unreasonable to realise. The Court also has power to deal with unprofitable or onerous leases or contracts.

It is an instruction from the Lord Chancellor that all genuine applicants for relief under the Act are to be treated with sympathetic consideration. The success or failure of the Act will be judged largely by the extent to which the L.A.O. succeeds as an intermediary in establishing voluntary arrangements between creditors and debtors without the necessity of recourse to a court of law save for the purpose of registration and legalisation. The scope of the Act is for the duration of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act of 1939.

All voluntary schemes which the L.A.O. finds to be within the terms of the new statute and which he is able to approve, will be lodged in Court and registered and will then be legal and binding on the parties concerned, creditors and debtors alike.

A GREAT PLEASURE

Renewing their subscriptions to the ADVERTISER & ECHO, readers who receive their copies by post write:

"I look forward to it coming and greatly enjoy reading about Ramsgate and friends I have left there. Thank you for sending it so regularly."—From Finsbury, London.

"It is a great pleasure to receive the ADVERTISER & ECHO so regularly and it is passed on to a daughter in Berkshire and also a son in the Navy, where it is much enjoyed by any local boys."—From Epsom, Surrey.

"Enclosed subscription for the paper which I look forward to each week."—From Coulsdon, Surrey.

RAMSGATE POSTMAN RETIRES

Having completed over 31 years service as a postman at Ramsgate, Mr. Albert G. Wells has retired to pension.

As a young man Mr. Wells served with The Buffs in the South African war before he joined the postal service in March, 1910.

During the Great War he re-enlisted and served with the Essex Regiment in the Middle East.

Apart from a year or two on a Broadstairs round Mr. Wells was throughout his career as a postman stationed in his native town of Ramsgate.

PRISON FOR MOTORIST

RAMSGATE POLICE OFFICERS COMMENDED

Although he was disqualified from driving, James Arthur Sankey, aged 28, a bricklayer, of Hildavale-road, Farnborough, bought a motor car.

After altering a Road Fund license, so that it corresponded with the description of the car, he drove down to Ramsgate.

Sankey paid a return visit to Ramsgate on Monday when, at the borough police court, he was sentenced to five months' imprisonment, fined £1 and ordered to pay 18s. 6d. costs.

He was disqualified from driving for two years.

Four summonses were preferred against Sankey. They were for fraudulently using a Road Fund license on 31st May, driving after being disqualified, driving while uninsured, and entering a defence area with a motor car without a permit.

He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment on the first summons, a month each on the second and third, the sentences to run consecutively, and the fine was imposed in respect of the fourth.

P/C Honess said that on the morning of 1st June he saw defendant at a house in Spencer-square in respect of another matter. Sankey told him he came to Ramsgate the previous day by car. Witness asked him if he had a permit to remain in the area and he said he had not. Witness went with defendant to a garage and saw the car. While examining the Road Fund license he noticed several alterations on it and suspected that the license was not issued in respect of that car. He asked Sankey about the alterations and he replied that he bought the car about two weeks previously and was under the impression it was taxed.

Continuing, witness said defendant produced an insurance cover note issued on 28th May but it was not valid until 6 p.m. on 1st June. He asked defendant why he had driven the car while being uninsured and he replied "I thought it was in order from the date it was issued."

Later he saw defendant in company with P/S Wait, and after Sankey had repeated his explanation Sergt. Wait told him he did not believe he was telling the truth. After further questioning he admitted he was not and he was taken to the police station, where he made a statement.

Picked It Up.

P/S Wait said defendant made a statement in which he said he came to Ramsgate in order to bring his mother so that she could inspect her property, No. 5 Spencer-square. He arrived at Ramsgate at about 10.30 p.m. He had no driving license because it was suspended six months previously at Dartford for driving without being properly insured. So far as the Road Fund license was concerned he picked it up in the roadway at Bromley Common. He retained it until the morning of 31st May, when he altered it to make it correspond with the index number and make of his car. He bought the car at West Norwood but he did not know the address. The car had only been used for two days. The man from whom he bought the car promised to send him the registration book but had not done so. He could not license the car without the registration book so he decided to alter the license. At the time he did not realise the seriousness of the offence.

P/S Link, K.C.C., stationed at Farningham, said he was at Dartford police court on 22nd November, 1940, when Sankey was fined £2, disqualified from driving for 12 months and ordered to pay 13s. costs for driving a motor car without having in force a policy of insurance.

Defendant told the magistrates that he intended that his brother-in-law should drive the car but when he found that he could not get a Road Fund license he would not ask him to do so. He promised to bring his mother to Ramsgate and he did not like to disappoint her.

The Assistant Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): And you altered the license so as to put the police off your track?

Defendant: Yes.

Twice in a Year.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant was a married man. In April, 1940, at Bearsted, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour for the theft of fowls. In June, 1940, at Bromley, he was fined £3 for various motoring offences and disqualified for a year for driving without a license. In November, 1940, at Dartford, he was fined £2 for driving while uninsured and was disqualified from driving for a year. In January of this year at Bromley he was fined £1 for driving without lights.

Continuing, Chief Inspr. Butcher said the license which was altered by defendant was reported lost from an MG. car to the police at Bromley on 27th May. On the same day defendant bought a car for £38.

The Assistant Clerk: He was disqualified twice in the same year?

Chief Inspr. Butcher: Yes, apparently the second court did not know of the first court's disqualification.

After announcing the sentences stated above, the chairman called forward P/S Wait and P/C Honess and said the magistrates wished to commend them on the manner in which they brought the matter to light.

"We think you did very good work indeed," said Mr. H. J. Perry.

Mr. G. J. V. Weigall, the old Kent and Cambridge cricketer, has undergone a slight operation in Dublin.

Members of the Home Guard must surrender coupons for all purchases of rationed clothing.

NEWS AWAITED

RAMSGATE MEN REPORTED MISSING

News is being eagerly awaited of a number of Ramsgate men on active service abroad with the Royal Artillery who have, within the last few days, been reported missing.

News was received on Thursday that among the missing is Q/M/S George Brown, R.A.

Q/M/S Brown is known to everyone who has been associated with the Territorial Army in Ramsgate. He served in the regular army for 21 years and for about 20 years was connected with the Territorial Army.

He was for many years instructor to the 236th Field Battery, which was subsequently transformed into an A.A. battery, and it was as a member of this battery that he was mobilised at the outbreak of war.

Q/M/S Brown has two sons on service. S/M J. Brown, A.G.I., is serving in this country and Sergt. G. Brown is on service abroad.

Another Ramsgate man reported missing on the same day is Sergt. Samuel Eddie Pinchback, R.A., of No. 15 Muir-road, Ramsgate, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pinchback, of Plains of Waterloo.

Sergt. Pinchback, who is 35 years of age, is a married man with three children. His wife and children are at the present time living at Gillingham.

After attending Lillian-road School, Sergt. Pinchback was apprenticed as a cabinet maker to Messrs. J. Summers and Son and served with the firm for many years. At the outbreak of war he was working for Messrs. Olby.

At the age of 18 he left the Boy Scouts to join the Territorial Army and soldiering became his hobby. He was keenly interested in everything mechanical and knew his gun inside out. He was mobilised with the Royal Artillery at the outbreak of war and served in several parts of England before being drafted for foreign service.

Bdr. Jim Martin, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, of St. Michaels, Avebury-avenue, Ramsgate, is also among those officially reported missing.

Bdr. Martin, who is 22 years of age, is an old Chatham House boy. He gained distinction as a bowler in the school's premier cricket side and after leaving school played for St. George's C.C.

He joined the Territorial Army shortly after leaving Chatham House, and was associated with the firm of W. W. Martin, builders, in which his father was a partner.

Relief for Ramsgate Parents.

A cable brought the welcome news to Mr. and Mrs. George Squire, of the York Arms, King-street, Ramsgate, that their son, Gnr. Albert Squire, Royal Artillery, is safe.

Gnr. Squire, who is 25 years of age, attended Christ Church School. He joined the Territorial Army shortly before the outbreak of war and saw service in this country before being drafted abroad.

WINDOWS SHATTERED

NO CASUALTIES IN TWO RAIDS

Many windows were shattered but there were no casualties when a number of high explosive bombs were dropped on a south-east coast town during two raids on Sunday night.

In the first raid an office near the sea front was partly demolished by a direct hit and shop windows in the vicinity suffered severely.

In the second raid a bomb fell in the playground of a convalescent home which has been empty for a year. The bomb fell about 50 feet from a crater made by a bomb that landed in the playground during a previous raid.

The windows of a Baptist chapel and unoccupied boarding houses in the vicinity were broken.

Several people had narrow escapes from pieces of flying glass.

BIGGER POLICE FORCE

BUT STILL SOME VACANCIES

Fourteen members of the Police War Reserve were sworn in before the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) at Ramsgate Police Court on Monday.

Chief Inspr. Butcher explained that the men were the first batch sent by the Ministry of Labour under the National Service Act to augment Ramsgate Police Force.

"Can you tell me how many policemen we have now got in the borough?" asked the Mayor. "I thought we had more than sufficient."

Chief Inspr. Butcher: I would much prefer the Chief Constable to give you that information. We still have 16 vacancies.

The Mayor: That answers it.

The Assistant Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said the strength of the force was fixed by the Home Office and the local authority had little control over it.

Chief Inspr. Butcher: I am not trying to avoid the question.

Mr. H. J. Perry: The bench are quite satisfied with your explanation.

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SCHOOLMASTER SENTENCED

HAUNTED BY FEAR OF MONEYLENDERS

Stated formerly to have been a master at a Cliftonville school, Sidney Redvers Jenkins, who took his B.Sc. degree with honours at Sheffield University, was sentenced to six months hard labour at Cardiff on Thursday.

Jenkins could not overcome his craving for drink and when the haunting fear of moneylenders overcame him he would descend to petty thefts—rugs from cars, books from shops, suitcases from railway stations.

It was stated in court—he was charged with stealing a wallet containing 25s.—that there were 11 previous convictions against him.

Jenkins' first job was at Colebrook House private school, Bognor. Then he was at a school at Cliftonville, and from there gained the appointment of senior residential master at Merton Court School, Sidcup.

He began his life of crime at a south coast school in 1931, when he committed a number of petty thefts during a fete in the school grounds. He admitted stealing jewellery from an hotel and for these offences was sent to prison for three months.

Jenkins told the magistrates that before his arrest he was earning £250 a year as a clerk at a factory.

CAPETOWN GREETING

TO RAMSGATE MAYOR

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) has received a letter of greeting from the Mayor of Capetown, South Africa.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. Mayor—Through A/Cl Barnett, of your town, who has kindly called on me, I desire to convey to you the greetings of Capetown, which is regarded as the Mother City of the Union of South Africa. The people of this City are always pleased to welcome visiting troops from overseas, and join with them in doing what they can to assist the war effort in a common cause—the fight for freedom. Believe me, Dear Mr. Mayor, Yours sincerely, W. Brinton, Mayor.

A/C Barnett is a son of Mr. Dan Barnett, who recently resigned his seat on the Ramsgate aldermanic bench.

A 15s. ORANGE

At Stafford, where Clarendon House School, Ramsgate, is now established, the girls of Form IIIA recently came into possession of an orange.

The girls decided to auction the orange, with the happy result that Ramsgate General Hospital now acknowledges a donation of 15s.

SURVIVED HUSBAND A MONTH

Mrs. Marian Esther Smith, widow of the late Mr. J. V. W. Smith, passed away peacefully at Nether Hale, Birchington, on Sunday, a month after the death of her husband, aged 87 years.

In October next Mr. and Mrs. Smith would have celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WILL any SOLICITOR, Banker, Accountant or ESTATE AGENT having custody or knowledge of the WILL or other DEEDS, or any person having any knowledge of the Estate, particularly REAL ESTATE AT SANDGATE of the late MARY ANN BACKMAN (otherwise BACHMANN) widow, sometime residing at Broadstairs but lately residing at Hastings and St. Leonards please communicate with T. and T. Martin, Webb and Williams, Solicitors, 26 North John-street, Liverpool 2.

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YOUNG Ladies (over 18 years of age) required for Railway Buffet.—Apply, Manageress, Ramsgate Station. 35

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The paper is sent from the mills to the printers in sealed containers and every piece has to be accounted for either as sheets, books or rolls of stamps or as waste. The waste is re-pulped.

Testing the Gum.

The gum-arabic on the back of stamps is frequently tested to ensure the maintenance of its high quality. The ink, too, is tested for colour and fastness, and is so made that an attempt to remove the cancellation marks from used stamps can easily be detected.

Postage stamps are printed by photogravure, a process of singular beauty. Copper cylinders etched with the stamp design are employed, and the wear and tear on the cylinder is reduced by plating it with chromium.

Every step in the various processes is carefully scrutinised, and as the sheets come from the machines they are counted.

There have been suggestions for a special Defence stamp. If this comes about, it will be only the sixth special issue that has been made in the last hundred years. The others were in connection with the Wembley Exhibition of 1924-25; the London meeting of the Postal Union Congress, 1929; the Silver Jubilee of King George V, 1935; the Coronation stamp, 1937, and the stamp to commemorate the Penny Post Centenary of 1940.

Our Complete Story

HONESTY LTD.

By W. A SWEENEY

Mr. Brimley Crimple was a man who had passed certain examinations, years before this story opens, which made him a man of the law. Nevertheless, he might have been embarrassed to explain, in a court of justice, say, in what category, exactly, came the activities of the Adjustment Bureau of which he was, for his clients, the Man of Destiny.

For a numerous class, Mr. Crimple was an arranger, a counsellor, a settler of messes, a dispenser of practical wisdom at so much a hundred words. Such men and such offices do not lack for clients, and Mr. Crimple, being unquestionably a master, had a thriving business, for his name was well circulated in certain quarters. His telegraphic address, arrived at after a whole morning's thought, was "Honesty Limited."

He was glancing idly through the police court news of the day (a feature which Mr. Crimple always read with the interest of a school head following the career of the old boys) when Grinchin, his clerk, put his head round the door and said:

"Man of the name of Harrow wants to see you."

"Show him in," said Mr. Crimple.

Mr. Harrow tallish, very thin, in the early fifties, entered the room with an expression of suppressed eagerness to impart bad news.

"Sit down, Mr. Harrow." Mr. Crimple waved kindly towards a chair. "What can I do for you, sir?"

"Ah—I am speaking to Mr. Crimple?" asked the visitor.

"You are."

Mr. Harrow coughed. "I understand, Mr. Crimple, you undertake to adjust all kinds of difficulties."

"If they are humanly possible of adjustment," replied Mr. Crimple, sitting back in his chair and studying his caller. "What is your difficulty?"

Mr. Harrow's difficulty, at the moment, seemed to be in explaining himself. "I hardly know how to tell you," he began, and stopped, looking at the floor. "You see I—I'm not sure if you take up cases like mine."

Mr. Crimple stifled a yawn. So many of them began like this. "The more complex, bewildering, seemingly impossible of solution is the problem, the more I welcome it," he said with a slight smile. "It is perhaps of a delicate nature? A lady in the case? I have handled thousands like that. What——"

"Oh, no, no. Nothing like that," said Mr. Harrow, gloomily. "If it was only some story about a woman. . . . No, the fact is—well, I'm a cashier, Mr. Crimple. I'm head cashier with Colback, the jam man, you know." He stopped and Mr. Crimple, drumming softly on the blotting pad, said:

"Been a long time with Colback as cashier, Mr. Harrow?"

"Fifteen years."

"Excellent. He must be satisfied with you."

"He is. He is, because——" Mr. Harrow took out his handkerchief and passed it across his brow. "Because he doesn't know he could have me arrested."

Two Thousand Pounds.

"Dear me," murmured Mr. Crimple, leaning forward. "You mean you've been—er—borrowing some of his money? Such things happen. Much?"

"Two thousand pounds," whispered Harrow.

"Two—phew!" Mr. Crimple looked at his client with a new respect. "Two thousands pounds. A tidy sum. How long have you been helping—er—doing this?"

"During the past two years and a half. It was easy enough—in my job. I needn't go into all that, but it was not detected."

"Well, that means for twelve and a half years your conduct was above reproach. An asset. Very much so. For twelve long years and a half you didn't touch a cent of Colback's money and gave him faithful service, and for a paltry thirty months only you were guilty of—er—errors. From a legal standpoint your case could be presented quite favourably, Mr. Harrow."

"When you put it like that—" murmured Harrow, encouraged.

Crimple pondered. "You have never been in gaol before?" he demanded briskly.

"Good lord, no!" stammered Harrow, pale at the question. "I hoped you would find some solution without this talk about gaol——"

"My dear sir, I'm getting the assets in your favour in order to see how they might be presented to impress a jury."

"A jury!" whispered Harrow, sweating.

"What do you think the authorities will do to you for pinching two thousand pounds? Give you a knighthood? Married?"

"With three children."

"Excellent." Mr. Crimple was taking notes. "Why did you take this money?"

"To back horses," said Harrow gloomily.

Mr. Crimple laid down his pen. "To back horses," he repeated, sadly, shaking his head. He shook his head for quite a long time, for he had lost a packet himself on a hot favourite that afternoon. "Well, well." He bent himself to his notes. "Well, you backed horses to provide your wife and children with food and clothing . . . They must live . . . Twelve and a half years of righteousness . . . Yes." He studied his notes. "Yes, I think, Mr. Harrow, if you follow my advice I can get you off—with the aid of a lawyer whom I know, mind you—with three years."

Harrow slid forward in his chair so that his knees nearly touched the floor. "Three years, did you say? Did you say three years?"

"Now be reasonable. You surely don't expect anything less?" Mr. Crimple put his left hand under his chin and became brisk and encouraging. "Believe me, three years pass quickly enough."

"What are you saying to me?" moaned Harrow. "You're an extraordinary man. You talk about it as if it were a three years' yachting trip. Prison! Prison for three years! A convict! Me! My wife and children . . ."

"Oh, come, you'll be able to see them on visiting days," said Mr. Crimple, sitting back and joining the tips of his fingers, "and prisons, modern prisons, believe me, are not really so bad, nowadays, as you think. You've no experience. There have been great changes for the better, Mr. Harrow, since a few years back. I believe there's a prison reform bill on the carpet at the moment, too—if it isn't already passed. All sorts of things, I assure you, nowadays. Central heating, better food, more recreation, wireless, and what not."

"How do you know?" asked Harrow, lifting his head from his hands.

"I've been told," said Mr. Crimple, hastily.

"And that's all you can suggest for me?"

"Naturally, I suggest that you go and give yourself up, now—when do you expect to be arrested, by the way? Did he discover the money missing to-day?"

"I wish you wouldn't use those words—'arrested' and so on—in such a matter-of-fact way," cried Harrow, who had jumped in his chair. "Nobody knows anything about the missing money yet."

"Don't know about it?" repeated Mr. Crimple. "Why didn't you explain yourself at the beginning?"

"Colback is taking a partner shortly and everything will be gone into by accountants—super experts."

"I see. And you have still access to Colback's cash—I mean, you are still cashier?"

"Of course I'm still cashier."

Mr. Crimple regarded his client through half-closed lids. "How much money have you in the safe at your disposal?"

"I cashed a cheque for three thousand pounds to-day," replied Harrow.

Mr. Crimple gazed at him in stupefaction. "You have three thousand pounds at your disposal and you said nothing about it!"

"Are you suggesting that I should take that as well?"

"Not at all." Mr. Crimple was now thinking more rapidly still. A wistful expression came to the upper part of his face as he ruminated on that thousand pounds. "Not at all, certainly not. Three thousand pounds, you said . . . Mr. Harrow, I have a solution for your difficulties."

"What has the three thousand pounds to do with it?"

"This." Mr. Crimple leant forward. "Do you think you could take another thousand of that without anyone being the wiser?"

"I could for three days. After that I'm sunk—as deep as a lobster."

"Bring a thousand to me to-morrow morning. In three days' time you'll have nothing to worry about."

"Are you trying to get me in for life? I came to you for advice—and you advise me to take another thousand! What sort of Mr. Dick are you, to come to for advice, anyway——"

"Be quick, Mr. Harrow, and thank your lucky stars that you came to the one man in Europe who really can adjust things." Mr. Crimple leant forward so far that, automatically, as in a kind of spell, Mr. Harrow leant forward also, so that their noses were almost touching.

"Now listen and have confidence in me . . ." Mr. Crimple's voice sank to a whisper.

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A Surprise for Mr. Colback.

The next afternoon Mr. Colback, the jam specialist, employer of Harrow, was shown into Mr. Crimple's presence at three-thirty precisely. Mr. Colback, a man of modest stature, wore glasses which gave him rather a myopic look, though he could spot an additional way of making money out of jam with an eye as unerring as that of the seagull, in its swoop, spotting its dinner in the crested sea.

"Good afternoon," he said, in a high, trusting sort of voice. "Mr. Crimple?"

"Yes, Mr. Colback. Sit down, will you, and thank you for being so prompt in calling." He pushed forward a box of cigarettes.

"I'm afraid I haven't the least idea as to what your telephone call means, Mr. Crimple. I—er—don't think we know each other? But you said you had something of vital importance to discuss with me, so here I am." He peered with puzzled eyes at the adjuster of difficulties and waited.

"I have serious news for you, Mr. Colback," said Mr. Crimple, studying his blotting-pad. "I am very sorry to inform you that your cashier is robbing you."

"My—what did you say, Mr. Crimple?" Mr. Colback's eyes grew round behind his glasses.

"You cashier, Harrow, is robbing you."

"Septimus Harrow! Robbing me? It's impossible. What do you mean? Who told you?" Mr. Colback in his shock of astonishment could only express himself in a series of disconnected ejaculations that burst from him like squibs.

"He told me himself."

"But—why I trusted Septimus Harrow implicitly—have done for years. I don't understand you at all. How long has he been doing this? How much is it? Why didn't you have the scoundrel arrested?" Mr. Colback was not exactly jumping in his seat, but there was an agitated movement of his lower limbs.

"It is not my business to have him arrested," said Mr. Crimple. "It has been going on for two and a half years and the sum is three thousand pounds."

Mr. Colback stared and then said, "How much did you say? I don't think I heard you properly."

"Three thousand pounds."

The jam manufacturer passed a shaking hand across his eyes and then emitted a sound rather like the moan of a ewe suddenly bereft of her young. He rose to his feet and said:

"I'll have the blackguard arrested at once! Do you know what he did with the money?"

"He backs horses," said Mr. Crimple.

"He took three thousand pounds of my money to back horses! I'm not going to ask you how you came to know of it, I'm going straight to the police." He stopped, as a thought struck him.

"He hasn't bolted, has he? If he has and you knew about it you're an accomplice and I'll—"

"Sit down Mr. Colback," said Mr. Crimple, "and listen to what I have to propose to you. No, he hasn't bolted, though he could easily have done so. You will realise I have a lot to do with the fact that he has not bolted. He came to me for advice. 'Is there no way,' I said, 'by which we can save some of this money for Mr. Colback?'"

"How save it?" demanded the jam man. "It's already gone into the bookmaker's bags."

"Septimus," pursued Mr. Crimple calmly, "calculated——"

"You call him Septimus. You're a friend of his?"

"You called him Septimus first. Well, he calculated that in paying you half of his salary every month—you pay him £6 a week—he would be able to pay you off in—"

"Two hundred and fifty months—twenty years," exploded Mr. Colback. "Is that your proposal?"

"Try and control yourself, Mr. Colback. I asked him if he had relatives. He has an uncle in a bank, another in the country constabulary, an aunt who has a small hotel in Battersea, a cousin married to an impoverished curate. To be brief, I assembled his relatives here and explained the situation. 'You realise,' I said, 'that he will go to prison unless you do something to help him. Will you help him among you? When Mr. Colback knows of your sacrifice he will not—he cannot but show Septimus clemency'."

"Eh!—well, what did they say to that?" barked Mr. Colback.

"They said they would let him go to gaol," replied Mr. Crimple

"What a family! They're all the same. Crooks. Well, he will go to gaol. They needn't doubt it."

The "Family" Offer.

"I pointed out to them," went on Mr. Crimple, "that had Septimus been a great man, a famous musician, for instance, a painter, instead of——"

"A pirate," interrupted Mr. Colback.

"—they would have participated in his glory. 'The honour of the Harrows is in your hands,' I pleaded. 'As you would have participated in his fame, so you will participate in his shame'."

"Exactly. And what did they say to that?"

"They asked time to reflect. They are poor people. Then they came to me with a proposition. Septimus Harrow had borrowed——"

"What do you mean—borrowed? The dirty crook stole £3,000."

"As you please. Among them—and listen to me carefully, Mr. Colback," said Mr. Crimple, very earnestly—"among them all, by dint of scraping, selling small bits of property cherished for long in their respective families, by dint of parting with most of their savings, by dint of the noblest sacrifice to save the family honour, they managed among them all, to raise——"

"How much?" snapped Mr. Colback, impatiently, watching Mr. Crimple open a drawer slowly, withdraw a note-book and study it.

"Seven hundred pounds."

"Seven hundred——! He'll go to gaol. Tell them that from me. Seven hundred pounds. What am I going to do with seven hundred pounds—and he stole three thousand? Tell me that."

"As you like, Mr. Colback." Mr. Crimple put the book away with a little sigh. "Remember, they don't owe you anything. I have done what I could to arrange it for the best for all of you. Personally, I think they're generous. But you have an absolute right to send him to gaol. So much the worse for you, however."

"How is it so much the worse for me?"

"He'll go to gaol but you'll get nothing. And £700 is £700. And you'll be a witness, remember. His counsel will ask you what kind of a business yours is when he can get away with £3,000 without your knowing it. His lawyer will ask why you did not exercise more control over a poor devil earning £6 a week and handling thousands of pounds. You may say because you trusted him, but that kind of trust—" Mr. Crimple's voice was sternly reproachful—"practically amounts to tempting a man. You will be severely blamed. The sympathy of the public will be with the sweated wage slave whom you tempted daily for fifteen years—and who for twelve and a half years resisted temptation—with fantastic sums derived from your jam the public eats. They, the people, will have strong doubts about how the stuff you put in your jam is supervised when they see how you supervise your cashier."

"They can think what they like," said Mr. Colback, defiantly. "I'll not be blackmailed."

"I don't blame you, in a way," said Mr. Crimple, looking thoughtfully out of the window, "but I don't envy you when his barrister gets you in the box."

"I'm accepting no seven hundred pounds."

"There's a thing that lawyers call 'moral complicity,' and I shouldn't wonder if Harrow's lawyer thinks of that," went on Mr. Crimple, thoughtfully. "And what could you reply to that?"

"What could I reply to that?" shouted Mr. Colback, who didn't know what he could reply to that. "And what could I reply to that?" He sat breathing heavily for a time, while Mr. Crimple waited patiently.

"The scoundrel!" said Mr. Colback, having given up looking for the reply, after a while.

"Yes," said Mr. Crimple.

"The thieving gangster!"

"If you wish, Mr. Colback."

Making the Best of It.

Mr. Colback fell to meditating again, and Mr. Crimple leant back in his chair, giving him time.

"What do you think I should do?" jerked out the jam man, at last.

"Why—accept. The only sane thing to do. The money is there." Mr. Crimple tapped his desk.

"You have the money there?"

Mr. Crimple nodded.

"The robber!"

"Precisely."

"The plundering snake!"

"It's what I'd call him."

"Seven hundred miserable pounds. What use is that?"

"It's seven hundred pounds, nevertheless—the savings of the Harrow family."

"My money."

"Not at all. Their money. You've no right to this money at all. It's a gift from the family. Well, what is it to be, Mr. Colback?"

"I suppose I must accept it."

"Good!" Mr. Crimple opened a drawer, produced some small bundles of banknotes and a document, which he placed before Mr. Colback. "Will you please read that and sign it," he requested. "It's a receipt and an attestation that you will take no further action."

"It's infamous!"

"It's a way of getting £700." Mr. Crimple began to count the notes, while his visitor grabbed a pen and signed his name with so much fury that he almost broke the pen.

"Five hundred—five hundred and ten—five hundred and twenty—five hundred and forty—fifty—and five hundred and sixty pounds. There you are, Mr. Colback."

Mr. Colback counted the money, blinking, and stretched forth a hand. "And the rest?" he demanded.

"What rest?"

"You said £700, didn't you?"

"Precisely. But my fees, Mr. Colback?" Mr. Crimple gazed at him with the dignified astonishment of an ambassador who has been told that his expenses are too high.

"Your fees?" If something had not gone suddenly wrong with Mr. Colback's larynx the question would have come forth from him in a high-pitched screech. As it was it came out in the hoarse croak.

"I supposed you understood that I am entitled to 20 per cent. for the recovery of this money for you," said Mr. Crimple coldly.

"Get it from your clients!" croaked Mr. Colback.

"You want to bleed those unfortunate victims dry?"

Mr. Colback appealed to the ceiling. "Heavens above! Victims! He talks of victims. Here, take my shirt. Take the boots off my feet. Leave me my trousers to go home in," he went on, in a kind of frensy.

"Very well. Since you seem to think my fees too high, I'll make a sacrifice like the others. I'll charge you ten per cent., and I hope you're satisfied." Mr. Crimple passed over the money.

"I wish you good afternoon," grunted Mr. Colback, grabbing his hat and making for the door.

"I shall convey the good news to Harrow's relatives," said Mr. Crimple.

"Do," said Mr. Colback, savagely. "Harrow hasn't been to the office to-day, it seems. I suppose I shan't see him again——" He stopped, for, with his hand on the knob, a business inspiration of terrific magnitude flashed on him like a blinding light. He stood as if transfixed and, slowly, there spread across his features a kind of ecstatic leer, the first signs of satisfaction they had worn since he entered the room. He came back to Mr. Crimple.

"I have just thought of something," he said. "I heard this morning that Bunger wants a cashier. His head cashier has died."

"Bunger, the jam man? Your rival, Mr. Colback?"

"Exactly, my rival. Listen, tell Harrow to apply for that job at Bunger's. I'll give him a testimonial. I'll give him an excellent testimonial. I'll send it round at once. He ought to get the job. I hope he does. I owe that old rattle-snake Bunger one ever since he double-crossed me in cutting the marmalade prices, the crook! Tell Harrow to go after that cashier's job at once."

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

TOWN'S TRIBUTE

DROWNED SCHOOLBOY'S FUNERAL

Many manifestations of sympathy were shown at the funeral, briefly reported in our last issue, of Leonard Blakemore, the Ramsgate schoolboy who was drowned while bathing at Uttoxeter.

Fellow pupils of Chatham House School, at which the boy and his brother Harry attended, walked in front of the hearse as it passed down the main street. With their masters—Messrs. C. F. J. Jacobsen, H. J. Bower, F. Goodyear and N. G. Price—the boys formed two lines in the churchyard of St. Mary's Parish Church for the coffin and mourners to pass through.

The Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, headmaster of Chatham House School, assisted the Rev. W. E. Charlton at the service and conducted the committal at Uttoxeter Cemetery.

Mr. G. C. L. Neville, F.R.C.O., of Ramsgate, was at the organ. Psalm xxiii. was chanted and the hymns were "Who would true valour see" and "God moves in a mysterious way." As the cortege left the church the Nunc Dimittis was chanted, followed by the Dead March from "Saul."

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. Blakemore (parents), Master Harry Blakemore (brother), Mr. G. Smith and Mrs. Nash, Uttoxeter.

Among those in church were Mr. A. J. Fryer (chairman Uttoxeter Council), the Rev. D. E. Marrs, the Rev. T. Holden (Supt. Uttoxeter Methodist Circuit), Mr. H. C. Bennett, Mr. W. A. Sutcliffe (representing the High-street Methodist Sunday School), Mrs. W. A. Sutcliffe, Mrs. J. Blore, Mrs. G. C. L. Neville, Mrs. R. Sargeant, Mrs. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. H. J. Bower, Miss J. Brown, Mr. A. E. Young (representing Alleyne's Grammar School, Uttoxeter), Mr. A. G. K. Davis, Miss A. V. Murphy, Mrs. Chadwick, sen. and Mrs. H. Chadwick, jun., Mrs. F. Goodyear, Mrs. Weathersby, Mrs. F. Dale and Mrs. W. Ottewell.

Floral tributes were sent by Mum and Dad; Brother Harry; "With deepest sympathy from the townspeople of Uttoxeter"; the boys at Chatham House; all at Fence Bank; Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Tony; the Head Master; Mr. and Mrs. B. Shaw and family; the staff at Chatham House; the boys of Alleyne's Grammar School; members of the Wesley Guild; scholars, teachers and officers of High-street Methodist Sunday School; Ruth; Sheila and Allan; No. 16; Mr. and Mrs. H. Chadwick, Harold and Hettie.

SHOPS' SURPRISE VISITS

WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE

"Traders must of necessity have good weighing instruments to get correct weight in the small packets of butter, lard, cooking fat, margarine, sugar and tea they now have to sell," stated Mr. J. Welfare, Inspector of Weights and Measures, in his annual report to Margate Town Council.

Reporting on his periodical visits of inspection to traders' premises, 90 per cent. of which were surprise visits, the Inspector stated "I found the weighing and measuring plant in good order and without any serious incorrectness. There were the usual instances of variation in the automatic scales, both for and against the customer, but these self-indicating scales, prove much more accurate than they used to be."

The weight of the packets of groceries and meat tested proved correct with two exceptions, which were dealt with by a caution. One trader had a number of packets of flour which were a trifle short in weight. Another had a joint of meat ticketed ready for dispatch which was short weight.

He also found that 37 reputed cwt. of coal weighed up at the station wharf were gross instead of net weight. The trader alleged that his employee had weighed the coal.

No deficiency was found in the measurement of milk and the weight of bread proved very good.

At the July meeting of the Council, Councillor H. G. Pedder inquired whether the Watch Committee considered the circumstances in the cases in which a caution was given, or whether it was left to the Inspector to act according to his discretion.

Councillor S. W. Pearce considered the report most satisfactory, and said it was a credt to Mr. Welfare for the way he was carrying on under difficulties.

Alderman F. L. Pettman (chairman of the Watch Committee) said the Council had an excellent officer in Mr. Welfare, and the question of whether there should be a prosecution or caution in a particular case was left to his discretion. He did his work admirably.

TWICE MENTIONED

OLD RUYMIAN'S DISTINCTION

Sub-Lieut. Norman Walter Albert Mann, R.N.V.R., an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, has for the second time been mentioned in despatches.

The first time Sub-Lieut. Mann's name appeared in the "London Gazette" was in connection with the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Sub-Lieut. Mann is the son of Electrical/Artificer W. E. Mann, and Mrs. Mann, of Ramsgate, and is a nephew of Councillor G. W. Caffell.

ALDERMAN'S RECOVERY

At a meeting of the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board at Ramsgate on Wednesday Councillor T. W. Mockridge said he had recently visited in hospital Alderman W. T. Smith, chairman of the House Management Committee.

Alderman Smith had undergone three operations and although he had been critically ill he was well on the way to making a speedy recovery.

The Clerk (Mr. L. F. Clifford) was asked to send a letter to Alderman Smith expressing the Board's hope that he would make a speedy and complete recovery.

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WOMEN'S CHAT

A COOKERY "BLUE-BOOK"

"Food Facts on the Kitchen Front" is the title of a blue-jacketed cookery book which has just been published by Messrs. Collins, price 6d.

It has been compiled by cookery experts of the Ministry of Food.

"I should not care to present this book to the ghost of Mrs. Beeton" writes Lord Woolton in his foreword "The generous phantom would no doubt be shocked by the simplicity of the recipes given here."

Housewives will agree, however, that Mrs. Beeton would have learnt a thing or two if she had been able to read the common-sense ideas in this culinary "blue-book." In simple language the book tells us "which foods do what" and helps the practical cook to balance her meals so that her family can be well nourished on wartime diet.

An A. B. C. of vegetables comes first in the hundred and ten pages of recipes. "We can produce enough vegetables in our country to feed the whole nation" states the introduction to this section and the following pages deal with ways of cooking practically every kind of vegetable which grows in British gardens and allotments.

Here are some midsummer suggestions taken from the book.

Broad Beans (make two meals).

When young, broad beans can be used in two ways. The pods are very tender and delicious when sliced like runner beans, simmered in salted water and dressed in exactly the same way. They are also good served with parsley sauce.

Shell the beans in the usual way and cook for the first meal. Cut the pods into strips or diagonal slices and cook them too.

When cold, the sliced pods are good dressed in mayonnaise or French dressing in salad.

Broad Bean Puree.

When beans are a little older they can be sieved and "creamed" to make them more attractive for table.

Take a quart measure and steam or boil them in the usual way till tender.

Drain them, then rub them through a sieve. Take the remaining liquor and make up the required quantity of liquid with mik, for a white sauce.

Use an ounce of bacon dripping or margarine and an ounce of flour for each gill and a half of stock and use the sauce, after boiling and seasoning, to bring the puree to a creamy consistency.

Braised Lettuce with Peas.

4 small lettuces
½ gill shelled peas
Bouquet of herbs (tied in muslin)
2-3 spring onions chopped
½ gill stock
1 teaspoonful chopped parsley
1½ to 2 oz. dripping or cooking fat
Salt, pepper.

Wash and prepare the lettuces, breaking up the larger leaves, then place them in a saucepan in which the dripping has been melted and heated. Allow to saute in the fat with the chopped onion for a few minutes then add the stock, seasoning of salt and a little pepper with the shelled peas.

Cover, allow the stock to come to the boil, and continue the cooking for half an hour with the pan tightly covered.

THANET TEMPLARS MEET

At the monthly session of the Thanet Templar Convention, held at Broadstairs on Tuesday by invitation of the Star of the East Lodge, Mr. E. A. Knight gave a brief history of the lives of the pioneers of Good Templary, including Bro. J. Malins, who brought Templary to England in 1868 and through whose inspiration lodges were formed in many parts of the world.

Greetings and messages from absent friends were read by Mr. A. B. Impett, Convention Chaplain, who also conducted an intercession service.

SAVINGS OFFENSIVE

ADVANCE ON ALL FRONTS

First reports of the great Summer Savings drive are encouraging.

The idea of raising enough money to pay for a particular War Weapon, be it a tank, a bomber, a fighter or a field gun, has caught the imagination of savings workers up and down the country.

Savings Group secretaries are responding enthusiastically to Lord Kindersley's appeal to set objectives which will have the effect of increasing both the membership of the groups and the amount of weekly savings.

"Make your Savings Group a stronger fighting force" is the clarion call of "War Savings"—the campaign journal of the National Savings Movement—in which Lord Kindersley sends a message to over 200,000 honorary secretaries of Savings Groups.

"We must face it," he says. "The next six months of the war will demand from each one of us the utmost effort for our country that it is possible to give.

"The Chancellor of the Exchequer has told us that during this year the amount of money saved and lent to the Government must show an increase of nearly £6,000,000 a week.

"We can make this vital contribution to the nation's plans for victory if every unit in the National Savings Movement plays its part to the full. I am, therefore, asking each National Savings Group immediately to plan a campaign to increase membership and subscriptions.

"The striking success of War Weapons Weeks throughout the country suggests that the best way of achieving both these ends will be for each group to set itself an objective in the form of providing the cost of a particular war weapon within a period of several weeks."

CHURCH AND PRESS

"Do what you can to satisfy, and to get your brother clergy to satisfy, all reasonable demands of the press for information," so writes the Rev. C. B. Mortlock, chairman of the Press sub-committee of the Church Assembly Press and Fublications Board, in a leaflet entitled "The Church and Press in War Time, Neglect of Evangelistic Opportunities."

"Remember" he adds "that a supply of accurate information of the kind wanted, together with personal contacts, can do more than anything else to prevent the publication of unfortunate matters by forestalling the urge, which some papers occasionally feel, to 'cover' the ecclesiastical field with 'stunt' sensational matter.

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FIRE FOUGHT WITH BROOMS

BLAZES AT ST. PETER'S

Armed with two besom brooms each 30 firemen from Broadstairs and Margate Fire Brigades beat out a grass fire near the Broadstairs Council refuse destructor at St. Peter's last week.

The Margate Brigade were first on the scene and found two acres of grass well alight. The fires had spread to a number of old motor tyres and to the fence surrounding the destructor. Chemical extinguishers were used and the beaters were at work for an hour before the fire was brought under control.

The Margate Brigade also assisted the Broadstairs Brigade at a fire at Philpott's Farm, St. Peter's, the following afternoon.

The fire began in a straw stack and the flying sparks also set light to a barn. The firemen concentrated their main effort on the barn and thereby saved a corn store, which was in danger.

The firemen were assisted by farm hands, who were pouring buckets of water into the flames when the brigades arrived.

IGNORED MOTHER'S ADVICE

MARGATE BOY DROWNED

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at the inquest on Bruce MacPherson, aged 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. MacPherson, of Grange-road, Margate, who, as reported in our last issue, lost his life while bathing in a reservoir at Cheslyn Hay, Staffordshire.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Ethel MacPherson, living temporarily at Cannock, told the Coroner that she asked her son not to go swimming in the reservoir. He was a good swimmer and suffered from no physical disability.

A 16-year-old gardener, Wilfred Hawkins, described how he made several unsuccessful attempts to rescue MacPherson. The water at the spot was about eight feet deep.

MAYOR'S PLEA FOR SOLDIER

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), in his role of Army Welfare Officer, pleaded the cause of a soldier at Sandwich police court last week.

Pte. Donald Mackie McNicholl was summoned in respect of the maintenance of the child of a young Sandwich woman.

It was stated that before the war defendant had contributed from 10s. to 15s. a week towards the child's maintenance. Since his enlistment he had made an allotment of 7s. a week.

Mr. G. W. Hardman, for the young woman, said she desired the security of an order against defendant as he was married recently. If the magistrates thought defendant could pay more than 7s. a week they could make a bigger order.

Defendant said his pay was 28s. a week. He was compelled to allot 2s. a day to his wife and with a voluntary allotment of 1s. a day for the child it left him only 7s. a week.

Alderman Kempe said defendant had been honourable about the matter and he did not think it would be the intention of the bench to increase the amount and impoverish him so as to drive him to do things he would not otherwise think of doing.

The bench made an order for the payment of 7s. a week.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BRIMLEY

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Ramsgate Cemetery of Mrs. M. E. Brimley, whose death was reported in our last issue.

The committal service was conducted by the Rev. S. V. Griffiths, priest-in-charge of St. Mark's, Northwood.

The mourners included Mr. R. E. Brimley (son), Mrs. T. E. G. Hoare (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. N. L. D. Haslewood (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. E. M. Dean (sister), Mrs. A. Rogers, Mrs. C. Hill, Mrs. J. Lewis (nieces), Mrs. W. Allsworth (sister-in-law) and Miss E. Lush.

Floral tributes were received from Bobbie (son); Ivy and Tom (daughter and son-in-law); Joan and Richard (daughter and son-in-law); Queen (sister); Nellie and John (sister and brother-in-law); Gladys, Nora and Clem (nieces and nephew); Cis, Bert and Norman (nephew, wife and son); Floss, Nellie and Margaret (nieces); Grannie (mother-in-law); Nell and Walter (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Colyer and Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Waldron; Mr. and Mrs. Hoare and family; Mrs. Davey; Dot and Arthur; Mrs. Lush and Emmie; Mrs. Lee; Laura and John Cotton, Bertie and Mary; Flora and family; Jack and family; Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Nell and Stan; Mr. and Mrs. James Marzetti; Fellow workmates; Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Sharman; Mr. and Mrs. Goodban.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son, of King-street, Ramsgate.

ON THE ATTACK

Margate's National Savings summer campaign was launched at a meeting held under the chairmanship of the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) at the Town Hall last week.

The Mayor explained that the town was being separated into wards for the purpose of the scheme and groups were being formed in each ward.

Mr. F. J. Portch, Assistant Commissioner, said Great Britain was no longer defending, but was on the attack. He was certain Margate would do its best to help the country to attack.

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JAMMING IT

SAVING THE SURPLUS FRUIT

In over 6,000 village centres in England and Wales, jam making for the nation is already in full swing.

Millions of jars, bottles and cans are ranged in these centres, ready to be filled by the willing army of unpaid workers, who are jamming, bottling and canning the nation's surplus fruit. Every jar of jam made will go to augment the nation's store. The story behind this great co-operative effort is a thrilling one.

Everyone who was familiar with our English countryside in peace time knew only too well that no year passed without the waste of fruit. In many a garden and orchard the last of the crop was allowed to rot, because the owners had eaten and preserved all that they required and the surplus was not large enough to market. A little waste here, a little waste there, but when all these small amounts are added together, they represented a lamentable loss.

Early in 1940, the Women's Institutes decided that one of the contributions they could make to the nation's war effort was the garnering and preserving of these unconsidered trifles of the countryside.

It sounded simple enough. Just a piece of good housewifery on a national scale. Yet when the women began their preparations, they met with difficulty after difficulty.

Difficulties Swept Aside.

Equipment was needed, especially canning machines and cans, bottles and jam jars. They were told it was impossible to obtain them, yet obtain them they did. Trained leaders were needed. They were told it was out of the question to arrange training centres in so short a time. Training centres were arranged and the leaders were ready before the first fruit was ripe. Each difficulty as it arose was disposed of with a speed that speaks volumes for the metal of which countrywomen are made.

Centres were arranged in over 2,000 villages. All the labour was given by the women without thought of payment. In many centres women worked over the preserving pans for seven days a week, week in week out, until all the fruit was preserved. The result was that over a thousand tons of fruit were saved for the nation, fruit that would otherwise have been a total loss. But the Insititutes realised that had they had more time to organise, a far greater tonnage could have been saved.

So much for last year. This year's scheme is on a far wider basis and is sponsored by the Ministry of Food. It is planned to include not only every village in England and Wales, whether there is a Women's Institute there or no, but also every urban area where there is enough surplus fruit to warrant setting up a centre.

Removing Misconceptions.

This year, owing to a misapprehension as to its scope, there has been a regrettable amount of nonsense talked about the scheme. Some people, entirely overlooking the fact that the scheme is only for fruit that would otherwise be wasted, imagined they had to bring all their fruit to the centres. This is obviously absurd. The Ministry of Food expects domestic growers to eat, bottle, jam or sell all the fruit they can. But if after all this they have surplus fruit, then the Ministry urges them to bring this fruit to the centres. It will be paid for at the current wholesale price and that surely is an inducement apart from patriotic motives.

Other people asked why this surplus fruit should not be sent to the jam manufaturers. The answer is that the transport needed for the collection of these small amounts of fruits makes that course impossible.

It was also imagined that the scheme would use up all the sugar that might otherwise be granted to householders for jam making. When it is realised that the total sugar that will be used on the scheme is most unlikely to be more than 5,000 tons, or less than ¼ lb. per head of the population, the absurdity of this idea is apparent. As a matter of fact, the announcement of a sugar-for-jam allowance of 2 lbs. per ration book for the whole nation has just been made.

In spite of these and other misunderstandings, the success of the scheme is already assured. Already nearly three times as many centres have been opened, as were run last year. In spite of the fact that no extra jam will be given to anyone taking part in the scheme, the number of women willing to undertake the arduous work as a labour of love is actually greater than was ever anticipated by the scheme's most optimistic supporters.

The organisation of urban districts is naturally proceeding more slowly than in the country, where the need is so much greater. But some urban districts, including Ramsgate and Margate, where members of the W.V.S. have taken the job in hand, are already showing great activity.

Information as to the whereabouts of urban centres can always be obtained from local Food Offices.

There appears to be some doubt as to the price to be paid by Surplus Fruit Preserving Centres for fruit sold to them for preservation. The Ministry of Food points out that the correct figure in not the retail price but the price payable on a sale to a licensed preserver, e.g., not more than: Gooseberries, 30s. per cwt.; Raspberries, 47s. 6d. per cwt.; Blackcurrants, 90s. per cwt.; Strawberries, 75s. per cwt.; Loganberries, 50s. per cwt.

COUNCIL TAKE A HOLIDAY

The next monthly meeting of Broadstairs Council is due to fall on August Bank Holiday Monday but at the July meeting the members decided that it should be postponed until the Wednesday following the holiday.

Several members protested because the June meeting, through the action of one of the members, was held on Whit-Monday afternoon.

During the remaining summer months the Council meetings are to be held at six o'clock in the evening instead of three o'clock in the afternoon.

IN THE HANDS OF THE GERMANS

Pte. J. Johnstone, 6285906, of Ramsgate, is reported to be a prisoner of war in German hands.

RAMSGATE MAN

WINS DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

A Ramsgate man has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for services in the Middle East.

He is Bdr. Evan Victor Pugh, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

The "London Gazette," which announces the award, states that it is "in recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East during the period December, 1940, to February, 1941."

BUYING BLANKETS

MARGATE COUNCILLOR'S ACCUSATION

Councillor E. G. Barrows was challenged by the Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, when he declared at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday that four local firms could, had they been asked, have supplied blankets, required for the civil defence services, which were purchased in Canterbury.

The Mayor: Have you knowledge that they could have supplied them?

Councillor Barrows: Yes. One of them did supply the blankets for Ramsgate A.R.P. but were never consulted by Margate, and I am very much surprised.

Pointing out that local traders were endeavouring to carry on, some of them at a financial loss in the hope that the war would end soon, Councillor Barrows hoped the officials would try to buy their requirements in the borough at comparable prices before going outside.

Councillor G. A. Abbott, chairman of the committee concerned, said that to the best of his knowledge they were told the blankets could not be obtained locally and they had to go to the place where they were obtainable.

When Councillor Barrows, in reply to a request, had given the names of the four firms, Alderman W. C. Redman said the matter was very serious. Did Councillor Abbott still say the Emergency Committee were told supplies could not be obtained in Margate?

Councillor S. W. Pearce said he raised the question at the Finance Committee meeting and the Mayor distinctly told him that the firm mentioned by Councillor Barrows had been approached but had not got the blankets.

The Mayor commented that Councillor Barrows did not say that particular firm had the blankets in stock.

Councillor Barrows: No. I said they could supply them.

The Mayor also asked Councillor Barrows when the blankets were supplied to Ramsgate A.R.P., but he said he did not know.

The Same Sources.

Alderman Redman said it did not matter whether the firm had them in stock of not. They had the same sources to draw upon as the Canterbury firm from which they were obtained.

The Mayor said they were distinctly told that the blankets were not obtainable in the town but that there were some at Canterbury, and instructions were given for them to be secured.

Councillor W. J. Perkins: Who told you that?

The Mayor: The official concerned.

Councillor Pearce thought the Emergency Committee should investigate the whole matter, which was rather serious.

Replying to the debate, the Mayor said it was an easy matter for members of the Council to get up and make such statements as had been made that morning. Councillor Barrows took the great precaution not to say that a particular firm he mentioned had the blankets in stock.

"We are not interested in people who say they should have an opportunity of supplying them," went on the Mayor, "because anyone in business to-day knows full well that unless you can lay your hands on these things it is almost impossible to get them. We heard of a firm who had them, and it was our duty to obtain them while it was possible. When did the firm supply them to Ramsgate? It may have been three, six or 12 months ago. That is no indication of the position to-day. With all due respect, I say to Councillor Barrows that this is not the time to make cheap publicity out of a thing of this sort. We are trading under most difficult conditions. The blankets were wanted and we had to obtain them where we could."

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

LAUGHTER AND ROMANCE AT ODEON

Sparkling, light-hearted entertainment programmes are being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Music, dancing, love and romance are all to be found in "Crooks Tour," featuring Basil Radford, Naunton Wayne and exotic Greta Gynt, which is being shown for the last time to-morrow. The story centres round two Englishmen of public-school tradition who in the course of a tour of the Near East are mistaken for German agents and given in error a gramophone record containing vital secrets. Then begins a thrilling and amusing chase through the mystic places of the East.

The first musical-mystery film, "You'll Find Out," starring Kay Kyser, Petter Lorre, Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi, is also being shown. Melody is mixed with mystery and five new song hits are introduced.

The Marx brothers—Groucho, Chico and Harpo—"Go West" in the film of that name which heads the bill for the second half of the week. From the opening sequence in a railway station where confidence-man Groucho is fleeced by Chico and Harpo, right through merriment in a stage coach, a Western saloon, and Indian village, clear up to a whirlwind finish on board an 1870 train, the picture is one big laugh. Not only is there fun but there is music. Chico does his famous "shooting the keys" technique, Harpo is at his best on the harp, Groucho tries a little singing, John Carroll proves he is the singing star and Diana Lewis makes her singing debut.

The supporting programme will include "Rumba," with George Raft and Carole Lombard.

BRIEF—BUT SATISFACTORY

A report presented to Margate Town Council on Tuesday briefly stated that Lieut.-Col. G. H. R. Halland, H.M. Inspector of Constabulary, had paid a visit on 19th May.

Councillor G. A. Abbott, while admitting that brevity was the soul of wit, pointed out that it also embraced "understanding, ingenuity, imagination and information." He thought members of the Council and the general public had a right to know whether the police had given satisfactory service or otherwise.

Alderman F. L. Pettman, chairman of the Watch Committee, explained that it was not possible this year for the Inspector to meet the members of the committee and the usual parade was dispensed with owing to the war. He went thoroughly into matters of administration, especially for war emergency, however, and express himself particularly pleased with his inspection.

"The Allied cause remains to-day what it was yesterday—the cause of free peoples."—M. Pierlot, Belgian Prime Minister.

VICAR REFUSES TO RESIGN

ST. PETER'S PARISHIONERS APPEAL TO PRIMATE

On the grounds that he is taking more from the parish than he is putting into it, the parishioners of St. Peter's have reaffirmed a decision calling for the resignation of their Vicar, the Rev. L. F. H. Hamel-Smith.

For nearly two years Mr. Hamel-Smith has been acting as an Army Chaplain in Northern Ireland and it was stated, at a meeting of parishioners at St. Peter's last week that his income at the present time is about £1,300 a year.

The vicar contributes £200 towards the salary of £260 of the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, who is carrying on the work of the parish, the finances of which are in a serious position.

The people's warden, Councillor H. Noble, said the parishioners had to sit in a cold church last winter because they had not sufficient money to heat it.

A tribute to the good work being carried out by Mr. Meredith was paid by Alderman E. S. Oak-Rhind, chairman of the Kent Civil Defence Committee, who revealed that one Sunday evening Mr. Meredith, after leaving the pulpit at Reading Street, went to Dunkirk to help bring some of our boys safely home.

At the meeting, presided over by Mr. L. Harrison, it was explained that at the annual general meeting in April a resolution was unanimously passed asking for the Vicar's resignation but recognising that he had the right to determine whether he should serve with the Parish or H.M. Forces.

The Vicar refused to resign on the grounds that he was neither appointed nor maintained by the parishioners.

Resolution Re-affirmed.

The meeting approved another resolution proposed by Alderman Oak-Rhind re-affirming the decision to call for the Vicar's resignation. This resolution, together with the resolution passed at the previous meeting and the Vicar's reply, is to be forwarded to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

As Senior Army Chaplain, it was stated the Vicar received nearly £800 a year, together with £400 from the Queen Anne Bounty and about £104 from churchyard fees. In the autum, when the church was facing insolvency, the Vicar was asked to forego the churchyard fees but declined on the ground that his financial position would not permit him to do so.

In his reply to the resolution passed at the annual meeting the Vicar wrote: "The choice between the Army and the Church was not really mine at all. On the one hand I was called up by the War Office from the Territorial Reserve of Officers and on the other I was requested by the Diocese to be one of the clergy from the Diocese of Canterbury to serve with the forces . . . I cannot consider it accurate to state that I am taking more from the parish than I put in. However it may be a comfort to you to learn that consequent upon my recent promotion I am now in correspondence with the secretary of the Diocesan Board of Finance and some re-allocation seems likely, though whether or not it will be devoted to parochial needs is not for me to decide, though I hope this may be so.

"The Vicar of St. Peter's is neither appointed nor maintained by the parishioners and most certainly his resignation cannot be claimed at their hands. For those reasons I regret that I cannot accede to their wishes."

A Brave Leader.

Moving the resolution Alderman Oak-Rhind said he did not question the Vicar's right to elect to serve with H.M. Forces rather than with his parish and his parishioners. His choice was a difficult one—the Army or a people whose area had been prepared for battle and who might at any moment have to face the gravest crisis that had been presented to man or woman for centuries. Within this narrow coastal area the safety of the realm might depend on stout leadership—and no leadership had been finer than that shown by its clergy. No finer example had been shown anywhere in Kent than by Mr. Meredith who had not only worked for the glory of God but by day and night had stood shoulder to shoulder with and amongst his people—a brave people served by a brave leader.

Turning to the financial side Alderman Oak-Rhind said that to-day and for some time past the parish of St. Peter's was under-manned and starved of those amenities which were necessary if God's work was to proceed. The Vicar was receiving, on account of the parish, far more than he was returning and it was this difference that was starving the real work of the parish.

Offered No Solution.

"The resolution calls for the Vicar's resignation," said Alderman Oak-Rhind. "Why? Because the position has been represented to him on more than one occasion and he offered no solution of the difficulties carried by those responsible for the work of the parish."

Seconding the resolution Councillor Noble said that in respect of the churchyard fees which he was drawing the Vicar was doing absolutely nothing. Other clergy were doing the work and he was drawing the fees.

Councillor Noble said Mr. Meredith's salary was £260 a year but when the Vicar went away he knocked £20 off, saying he would guarantee him a £20 Easter offering. They did not have an Easter offering this year because they considered it unfair to take parishioners' money under these conditions.

Alderman Oak-Rhind said Thanet had some of the finest civic leaders in the country—Alderman Kempe at Ramsgate, Councillor Pearson at Broadstairs, and Alderman Hoare at Margate. They had stayed in the hours of the darkest period to do their job. There was no need to leave Thanet to find an opportunity to show leadership.

SENT HIS WIFE

ABSENT MARGATE JURYMAN

A man who was summoned to attend as a juryman at Margate Quarter Sessions sent along his wife.

The wife explained that her husband was employed at an aircraft factory away from the town.

"You cannot take the place of your husband," said the Recorder (Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C.). "Ordinarily he would have been fined but in the special circumstances he will not be."

As the only prisoner pleaded guilty the jury was not required and was discharged.

ABBEY SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

The Rt. Rev. A. F. Taylor, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate, distributed the prizes at the annual speech day of the Abbey School now established at Madeley Court, Huntingdon.

A performance was given by the boys in a wood attached to Mardeley Court, which made an ideal setting for scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The great advance of our Army in Flanders has claimed its toll among the men of Thanet and many of those who answered the call of King and country will never again return to the land of their birth. Local men have done their part and laid down their lives in every big battle of the war, but the greatest of all these battles is notable for the number of local men who have taken their part.

Those posted as missing are 2nd-Lieut. J. H. Winton, Northumberland Fusiliers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Winton, of Avenue-road, Ramsgate, and 2nd-Lieut. A. Partridge, Berkshire Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Partridge, of Ramsgate.

Wounded men are Lieut. C. A. Ogier, Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey, brother of Col. E. E. Ogier, of Ramsgate, Pte. E. W. Mills, The Buffs, of Ramsgate, L/Corpl. H. G. Wells, Royal West Surrey Regiment, C/S/M B. J. Dixon, Sergt. N. Hewitt, Pte. S. Taylor, also of The Buffs, Sergt. J. Parker, son of Mr. J. O. Parker, of Queen-street, and Dvr. E. F. Coudrey, a local fisherman.

The following are known to have lost their lives: Capt. Hugh F. Russell-Smith, Rifle Brigade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell-Smith, of Granville-road, Broadstairs; Capt. C. M. Humble Crofts, Royal Sussex Regiment, of Dumpton; Capt. T. C. Crosse, Border Regiment, son of a former Vicar of St. Lawrence; and Pte. A. Sharp, Royal West Kent Regiment, of Ramsgate.

Broadstairs men who were wounded include L/Corpl. J. Hesse, West Surrey Regiment, and Ptes. E. G. Tucker and W. W. Ovenden, of The Buffs.

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Seaman A. Keen, a Ramsgate sailor, who has been fighting in the Dardanelles war zone for the past ten months, has been recommended for the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry while under Turkish fire. Invalided from the service for health reasons, Seaman Keen is now in business in Bellevue-road.

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A communiqué issued by the British G.H.Q. on Friday stated "We have captured the enemy's second line of defence at dawn to-day. Our troops have broken into the hostile positions on a front of four miles and have captured several strongly-defended localities. Severe fighting continues."

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Writing of "Men and Affairs," Gadabout commented: "The transition of the Wellington Hotel, Ramsgate, from the status of a licensed house to that of temperance hotel is an event which recalls many memories to old inhabitants and to a long line of commercial travellers. . . The Wellington, in its day, was one of the few commercial hotels in the town and in the hey day of its prosperity was the meeting-place of all the prominent townspeople.

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Bdr. R. C. Gardiner, R.F.A., of Hereson, Ramsgate, refers in a letter to his parents to some exciting experiences which came his way during a sea voyage. Three times the ship was chased by an enemy submarine, and only skilful seamanship saved her from being hit by torpedoes.

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The flag of H.M.S. Canterbury, which was flown in the Battle of Jutland, is to be placed in Canterbury Cathedral. The flag was presented to the Archbishop by the captain, who, together with some members of the ship's company, will attend the ceremony.

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Mr. S. F. Butler, deputy Chief Constable of Wallasey, arrived at Ramsgate, to take up his new duties in succession to Mr. W. B. Jones, the retiring Chief Constable.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

NAVAL MANŒUVRES

The Northern Fleet, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir M. Culme-Seymour and Rear-Admiral Jones, commenced to rendezvous in the Downs on Wednesday, the Admiral's flag-ships Camperdown and Anson respectively arriving at six o'clock. The third-class cruiser Tartar, under Cmdr. Fleet, which arrived the following day, greeted the flag-ship with a salute of 15 guns, and later the same day the Audacious, accompanied by a number of torpedo-boats and a torpedo-catcher, passed through on the way to Portland, where they joined the Western Fleet. The whole of the fleet, numbering 22 vessels, is expected to be at the rendezvous for the manœuvres by Sunday. Electric light flashes were used by the warships for signalling purposes during the evenings and were watched by visitors on the cliffs at Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

IMPROVING BROADSTAIRS

At last Broadstairs people appear to be on the eve of assuming more permanent charge of the gardens in front of the town. In all probability the Chandos-gardens, now being much improved, will be taken over by the Local Board on a lease of 50 years at £5 per annum. To complete the amenities of the front it is necessary that the piece of ground lying between Chandos-gardens and the Grand Hotel should be acquired on behalf of the public. It is understood that Mr. Richardson is willing to part with the ground for the sum of £1,200. Possibly, for the good of Broadstairs, Mr. Richardson may take less, but in any case the sum will be well spent if the ground is tastefully laid out as public gardens.

CONSTABLE ATTACKED

P/C Curtis, K.C.C., stationed at Minster, was brutally assaulted by two men on Monday night. The occurrence took place in a small wood near Durlock, in the occupation of Mr. J. Palmer. It appears that Curtis had entered the wood after hearing a noise which attracted his attention, and on going forward towards some trees he met two men who were gathering sticks. Curtis went up to one of them and laid his hand upon him; in the meantime the other man hit him from behind, knocking off his hat and inflicting a serious wound on the head. Belabouring the constable with sticks, the men made off, leaving their hats on the ground. Although a vigilant search was made the men were not found.

THANET'S GOOD HEALTH

It was reported at a meeting of the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board at Ramsgate on Wednesday that there had been no cases from the Thanet area to be admitted to the Herne Bay Hospital since the previous meeting of the Board on 6th June.

"It shows that in spite of our troubles the health of the people of Thanet is good," observed Councillor W. J. Perkins.

It was stated that the grounds surrounding the hospital at Haine were still under cultivation and that the produce was being sold to assist the Board's finances.

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A YEAR AGO

The Government announced schemes for applying a moratorium to certain local debts in coastal defence areas, of which Thanet was one, and a Government Order was issued under which householders ordered to leave evacuation areas would not have to pay rent for their locked-up homes. Nor would they have to pay rates, water, gas, electricity or telephone charges while away from the area. In a written reply in the House of Commons, Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated "A scheme has been formulated for applying a moratorium to certain local debts and for the protection of property within the evacuated areas."

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Margate Council announced measures which it was proposed to put into operation as an inducement to those still in the town to leave their furniture behind so that they would not be lost permanently to the district should they depart for the time being. Allowances of rate relief were granted in respect of residential premises left furnished but unoccupied.

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Wing/Cmdr. F. L. Pearce, of Kingsgate, recently awarded the D.S.O., was awarded the D.F.C. for his initiative and leadership in a successful attack on an enemy aerodrome.

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Eleven bombs were dropped on a south-east coast town by a lone raider. There was slight damage to bungalows.

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Spitfire and Hurricane pilots inflicted the greatest damage to the German Air Force since the beginning of raids on this country, and in two days 36 enemy planes were destroyed.

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A steady stream of people attended the Thanet depots to hand in their aluminium pots and pans in response to the appeal for the metal for the production of aircraft.

THRILLS AND SUSPENSE

DRAMA AT THE KING'S

Thrills and suspense in plenty are provided in this week's programmes at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate.

Two of M.G.M's. most up-and-coming young stars, Robert Young and Laraine Day, have the leading roles in "The Trial of Mary Dugan," which heads the bill for the first four days. The picture is based on the American stage success of the same name and deals with a girl who escapes from a reformatory and attempts to start life afresh. She succeeds to the extent of winning the confidence of an employer and the love of a young lawyer. But then fate steps in. She becomes the accused in a sensational murder trial and her past is revealed.

A moving drama of homeless children, "Nobody's Children," with Edith Fellows and Lois Wilson, completes the programme.

Fiction's most fascinating rogue, Michael Lanyard, returns to the screen in "The Lone Wolf Keeps a Date," the chief feature for the second half of the week. Warren William, who has played the title role in the past, succeeds in making the screen's suavest scamp come to life more skilfully than ever, as he gaily prowls along the Florida shore, finding adventure and romance in every shadow. His romantic foil in this latest hit of the popular series is Frances Robinson, lovely young Columbia starlet.

A story of the efforts made to save first offenders from the clutches of the underworld, "Fugitive from a Prison Camp," featuring Jack Holt, will also be screened.

MINSTER WEDDING

The wedding took place at Minster Parish Church on Wednesday between Miss Elsie May Foad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Foad, of Bradstow-cottages, Augustine-road, Minster, and Mr. John William Brissenden, son of Mrs. Brissenden and the late Mr. Brissenden, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

The Vicar (Rev. A. W. MacMichael) officiated and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a mauve floral dress and black hat. She carried a spray of cream roses.

Mr. J. West, of Canterbury, was best man and a reception was afterwards held at the bride's home.

The honeymoon is being spent at Well Hall, Eltham.

FIRE CHIEF'S GALLANTRY

VALUE OF SCOUT TRAINING

Having received his first fire training as a Boy Scout, Chief Officer A. E. Twyman, of Margate Fire Brigade, has been awarded the highest Scout award—the Scouts' Silver Cross.

The presentation was made at Margate Town Hall by Brigadier W. E. Clark, C.M.G., D.S.O., County Commissioner for Kent.

A certificate accompanying the medal stated that it was "for his great gallantry and leadership at fires at an R.A.F. station on 22nd and 24th August, 1940, when the saving of much valuable equipment was due to his efforts."

Chief Officer Twyman's service on these two dates also earned him the George Medal, which he recently received from the King.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), who presided, said while Chief Officer Twyman no doubt felt proud of the honours conferred on him, the members of the community also felt some pride, for not only were they a recognition of the individual but they also showed that those in high authority kept a watchful eye on Margate and its activities and were ready to recognise and reward any acts of public service which merited it.

In making the presentation, Brigadier Clark emphasised the need for youthful leaders in the Scout movement.

Acknowledging the honour, Chief Officer Twyman recalled his years with the 10th Margate Troop, and said the fire training he received as a Scout from Chief Officer Hammond, the former Chief Officer at Margate, led him to become a fireman.

QUALITY PAYS

This hay season probably more farmers than ever before have cut their grass at an early stage, thus gaining in the quality of their hay much more than they have lost in bulk. With supplies of feeding stuffs limited, it is essential to see that what is available shall be of the highest possible nutritive value.

But only under exceptional conditions will it be possible to make first class hay when it comes to the aftermath. This is not because the herbage is of poor feeding quality. On the contrary, it is usually very leafy, and often easier to harvest in succulent condition than the first cut. It is the shortening days that are the difficulty, and so the aftermath lends itself particularly well to ensilage. Good hay from the first cut, with silage from the second to replace concentrates, are the foundation of a sound complementary system for making the grass play its full part in winter feeding. Quality on these lines will pay dividends in milk.

But growth must be stimulated if the reduced area of grass is to be offset. The plant must be fed before it can feed the animal, and there is not much time between now and next autumn. Applications of sulphate of ammonia at the rate of 1 to 1¼ cwts. of the fertiliser per acre should be made immediately the hay has been carted.

Speciallly favourable terms for early purchase of sulphate of ammonia have been arranged by the Government. An allowance of 28s. per ton will be made on orders over 2 cwts., during July provided supplies set aside under this offer are still available when the orders are received. Minimum deliveries of six tons of sulphate of ammonia will begin at last year's price, £9 10s. per ton less the 28s. allowance, and will increase by 1s. 6d. per ton every month until the maximum of £10 2s. is reached in a year's time.

DIED DURING HOLIDAY

Tribute to the late Miss K. Repton, former matron of Haine Isolation Hospital, whose death while on a short holiday at Ramsgate was first reported in the ADVERTISER & ECHO, was paid at a meeting of the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board at Ramsgate on Wednesday.

The chairman (Alderman E. S. Linington) said Miss Repton was associated with the hospital for nearly 30 years. During the last war she served faithfully and well in France and she received many honours from the hands of the late King George Vth.

The members of the Board, said Alderman Linington, looked on Miss Repton as a very fine woman who was always willing to do her bit.

Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn said it was very sad that Miss Repton should have died while on a short holiday. She came to Ramsgate for a rest.

The members of the Board stood in silent tribute.

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POTATOES FROM MANSTON

At a meeting of the North East Kent Guardians Committee at Ramsgate on Monday it was reported that as there were no potatoes yet ready at Eastry and Bridge Institutions a ton was being sent to each from Manston.

Mr. H. T. Willett, who presided, explained that the land at Eastry and Bridge was not as good for cultivation as at Manston, where other produce from the gardens was being collected by a merchant and was being sold at extremely satisfactory prices.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

To Marry in Ireland.—The wedding between Miss Marian Stewart of Garvagh, County Derry, Northern Ireland, to Pte. H. E. Atkins, R.A.S.C., of Ramsgate, will take place at Garvagh on 17th September.

E. Archer, boot repairer, announces that he has now re-opened at 7 Allenby-road, Ramsgate.

Magistrate's Illness.—Mrs. E. K. Wilkinson, a member of the Ramsgate Borough Bench, who recently underwent an operation at Derby Hospital, is making good progress towards recovery at her temporary home at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

R.S.P.C.A.—A garden whist drive will be held to-morrow (Wednesday) at Westbeech, 164 High-street, by kind permission of Mr. Newth. Drive commences at 6 p.m., admission 1s. 6d. (refreshments extra). Members of H.M. forces 1s. If wet the drive will be held at Norlands, High-street.

Orthopaedic Flag Day.—The Mayoress (Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) is organising a flag day in aid of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, to be held in Ramsgate on Saturday. Collectors are wanted and boxes will be issued at Clarendon House on Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., and 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Things we are wanting to buy—Old Gold, Silver and Jewellery, Prism and Field glasses and we are willing to pay a good price—Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Girls' Club Concert.—Members of Holy Trinity Girls' Club, Ramsgate, entertained members of Ramsgate Wesley Guild and friends in the Centenary Hall on Wednesday. Mrs. Pat Eccleston and Miss Meg Vince, with Miss Blanche Milgate at the piano, were a well grouped trio for a sympathetic rendering of "The Holy City." Miss Vince also entertained with mandoline solos, with Mrs. Vince as piano accompanist, and Miss Milgate played pianoforte solos. Mrs. F. J. Bomford read an amusing story and Corpl. Caney entertained with gramophone records. Miss Pullman presided and together with Miss Gladys Culver, Wesley Guild secretary, thanked the artistes for a most enjoyable programme and particularly Miss Milgate for her services at the piano.

BROADSTAIRS

Wills.—The late Mr. W. G. Boycott, of Dickens-road, Broadstairs, left estate valued at £2,848. Legacies to the Thanet hospitals were bequeathed by Miss Emily Mary King, formerly of Broadstairs, who left £10,714.

Eight-Day Vouchers.—Full details of the eight-day cheap travel vouchers available for relatives of those who have been evacuated from Broadstairs and St. Peter's can be obtained at the Sanitary Inspector's Office, Pierremont Hall.

W.V.S. Whist.—Winners at the whist drive held at Broadstairs W.V.S. Centre on Wednesday in aid of Mrs. Pearson's wool fund were Mrs. Bullard, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Butt and Mrs. Lomax. A competition was won by Mrs. Vyse. Mrs. Weir acted as M.C., assisted by Mrs. Holden.

Death of Mrs. C. C. Stenning.—Wife of Mr. Charles C. Stenning, for many years a member of St. Peter's Church Choir, Mrs. Ethel Lizzie Isabelle Stenning, has died at Holbeton, Devon, at the age of 77 years. Mr. and Mrs. Stenning, who lived at Percy-road, left Broadstairs early last year.

W.V.S. Assistant Organiser.—Mrs. Gifford, wife of Mr. S. A. Gifford, treasurer to Broadstairs Council, has been appointed Assistant Organiser at Broadstairs W.V.S. Centre. Mrs. Gifford has been connected with the work of the W.V.S. since its inception in Broadstairs.

Missing Lamp.—For riding a cycle without a red rear lamp at the Broadway, Broadstairs, on the night of 14th June a sixteen year old St. Peter's boy appeared before the magistrates at the Cinque Ports Juvenile court, Margate, on Monday. When stopped the boy told P/C Wood "I am sorry. I have not ridden the cycle in the dark for some time." The case was dismissed.

A St. Peter's Bride.—A member of the staff of Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Miss Mary Charlotte King, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. King, of 6 Norman-road, St. Peter's, was married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Luton, on 3rd July to Corpl. Donald D. Rosie, of Wick, Scotland. Wearing a gown of white satin with a veil embroidered with lovers' knots and horseshoes and carrying a bouquet of red roses and white heather, the bride was attended by the Misses Kathleen King (sister), Margaret Brockland, Nivin Parsons, Margaret Turner and little Valerie Jenders, aged 2½ years, who wore mauve and pale green dresses and floral headdresses.

A New High Altar.—A photograph taken by Dom Oswald Hull, O.S.B., of the dignified high altar designed and executed for Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Broadstairs, by Dom Wilfrid Emery, O.S.B., is reproduced as a frontispiece to the summer issue of the "Thanet Catholic Review," which states: While many congregations have to lament recent "alterations" to their churches, we, on the contrary, are able to rejoice in ours at Broadstairs. Father Wilfrid's improvements have met with unstinted approval. They have completely transformed the interior of the church. The high altar is not only more beautiful but more commodious. The priest and his ministers can now perform their functions properly, and the whole sanctuary, in fact, is as dignified as it is spacious.

ELASTIC RHUBARB

Is there any recognised size for a bundle of rhubarb?

At a meeting of the North East Kent Guardians Committee at Ramsgate on Monday the Chairman, Mr. H. T. Willett, expressed surprise that rhubarb grown at the Blean Institution should be sold for 3d. a bundle. He had known it to sell at 4s. a bundle.

It was explained that the bundles were small and that the price was considered very reasonable.

The Chairman: But rhubarb has been fetching enormous prices.

The Rev. F. A. Waterhouse: Perhaps that was the only way they could get rid of it.

Miss M. A. Andrewes: I have had to pay a good deal more than 3d. a bundle.

Councillor W. Hawkins: I bought some for 3½d. A bundle is a very elastic term.

Councillor W. Loveday: At the beginning of the season there were only two or three sticks in a bundle.

The Chairman: I thought perhaps it was a printer's error. I expected to see 3s. a bundle.

GERMAN AIR ACE CAPTURED

Forced down by a British heavy bomber as the result of an encounter over south east England on Thursday last week, Hauptmann Rolf Peter Pingel, German air ace, who claims 22 victims, was captured in a cornfield near St. Margarets Bay.

Pigel, a member of Goering's famous yellow-nosed squadron, was flying one of the latest 109F high-altitude Messerschmitts, which is the first to come undamaged into our possession.

Although diving from a great height he landed unhurt.

REPORTED PRISONERS

Prisoners of war in Germany announced from German sources are stated in a Reuter message published in the London press to include Leonard Berry and Jack Hever, of Ramsgate, Alfred Cotton, of Sandwich Bay, and Charles Dutton, of Sandwich.

THERMOMETERS

FOR A COLD INSTITUTION

When it was reported to North East Kent Guardians on Monday that no satisfactory means had been found of heating Eastry Institution the Chairman, Mr. H. T. Willett, stated that thermometers were to be put in every room and ward used by the inmates.

At each meeting, he added, a summarised record would be produced so that at the end of the winter they would have a complete record of what the heat in the wards was. They would then see how it compared with other institutions and would have a very strong case to put forward.

In reply to Councillor E. T. Dixon, the chairman said they had requested the Master to instal thermometers in every part of the building used by the inmates at once.

Councillor W. Hawkins: The thermometer idea is excellent but it will not provide any heat.

The Chairman: If we find it abnormally low we shall have to take some temporary steps. It will be very valuable if we can have a record.

Councillor Hawkins: The heating is not sufficient, especially where the old people are, yet all we hear to-day is that thermometers are recommended and that a thousand pound scheme recommended is not likely to come about.

The Rev. F. A. Waterhouse said nobody appeared to be responsible for looking after the stoves. That seemed wrong and would not be tolerated in a private house. In addition to installing thermometers they should see that it was somebody's job to keep the stoves fed.

The chairman promised that the matter should be gone into further and that it would again be brought up at the next meeting.

WHY THEY WERE ABSENT

MARGATE GUARDIANS EXPLAIN

Two members of Margate Town Council—Mr. F. C. Baker and Mrs. B. M. Giles—attended the meeting of the North East Kent Guardians Committee at Ramsgate on Monday and explained why there were no Margate representatives present at the previous meeting.

Pointing out that the Chairman (Mr. H. T. Willett) had called attention at the meeting held two months ago to the absence of Margate representatives, Councillor F. C. Baker said "Unfortunately for myself it was not through any lack of interest but I was blitzed that day and I thought it better to stay at home."

As far as Councillor A. W. Thomson was concerned, added Councillor Baker, he was a member of the Margate Emergency Committee which met at the same time as the Guardians. That was a most important committee and Councillor Thomson felt it his duty to attend that meeting rather than this. Mrs. Giles was the only lady member on the Council and had many other duties to perform.

Mrs. Giles, who was welcomed by the chairman as a new member attending her first meeting, explained that she also had another meeting to attend when the Guardians last met and had then asked which was the more important.

The Chairman said he quite realised that attendance at meetings of the Committee was by no means the sole work or the principal work of the members. The sub-committees really did the work and the Margate members were very good at attending their out-relief meetings. He agreed with what had been said. Their Margate friends and indeed all the members of the committee did a tremendous lot of work that did not appear in the press at all.

The Rev. F. A. Waterhouse, a Margate representative appointed by the County Council, said he took it the question of the times at which the meetings were held would be raised.

The Chairman said the matter would be discussed in committee, having been brought forward by Councillor T. H. Prestedge, a County Council representative, of Ramsgate, who was unable, owing to another meeting, to be present until later.

Other members present were Councillor W. Hawkins and Miss M. A. Andrewes (Ramsgate) Councillor W. Loveday (Eastry Rural) Councillor E. T. Dixon (Deal).

CAPT. BALFOUR IN CANADA

A bomber in which Thanet's M.P., Capt. Harold Balfour, Under Secretary for Air, was on his way to make a tour of the R.A.F. training schools in Canada, had to make a forced landing near Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, last week.

The aeroplane, in which there were seven other British officials, was obliged to land owing to darkness while bound for Montreal.

No one was hurt and the flight was continued the following morning.

Speaking in Ottawa on Saturday, Capt Balfour said "We are sweeping Germany with bombers. We will make the Germans cry out that they have been betrayed by their Nazi leaders, once they realise they are undefended; or else we will make the Germans withdraw their pilots and planes from the Russian front to defend Germany.

"We have gained control of the air over the occupied countries. Air parity in numbers with Germany will soon be attainable.

"Britain's great hitting power in the air, and Hitler's failure to keep to his Russian time-table, form a new, decisive factor in favour of the Allies.

"The way we are going to win this war is with our bomber force—to take the war into Germany, and blast enemy industry."

On Sunday Capt. Balfour flew to Washington to lunch with Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, and later returned by air to Canada.

TRIBUTE TO RESCUE WORKERS

As reported in our previous issue, the casualties included three people killed—Mr. J. G. Yeoman, 60, hairdresser, Miss Clara Hawkins, 63, proprietress of a newspaper shop and Mrs. Violet Mary Brown, 59, proprietress of a sweet shop—when bombs were dropped during two raids on a south east coast town on Monday night last week.

A concert hall, where world-famous artistes have appeared, was damaged by a bomb which fell on the roof.

The Mayor, expressing the Council's deep sorrow to the relatives of the people who lost their lives, afterwards paid tribute to the working parties who worked so magnificently. In some places the work was very dangerous. He himself was about the whole night. The officials were also there, and the way they and all those engaged in the work of rescue carried out their job was, he said, worthy of record.

The German communiqué of raids during Monday night stated that the harbours of Southampton, Portsmouth and Margate were attacked.

THE MAYOR ENTERTAINS

TRAVELLING CONCERT PARTY

Deprived of his peace-time role of helping to entertain visitors, the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) is nevertheless busily engaged in entertaining prospective visitors—the boys in the Forces stationed in the district.

When he was appointed Welfare Officer to the troops—for which he does not even get his expenses from the War Office—he decided that the appointment should be something more than a name only.

The many ways in which Alderman Kempe has been able to assist men in the forces in the district during the past 18 months are too numerous to mention but the men will probably remember him chiefly for one thing—his own concert party which he takes round to entertain them.

"Of course, we are only amateurs," said the Mayor rather apologetically when he invited an Advertiser & Echo reporter to go along one evening to see for himself.

There was no need for the apology. Many of the soldiers were quite convinced that several of the "turns" were professional, and they were certainly better than some of the entertainment which has been handed out to visitors from Thanet concert party platforms.

We loaded cheerfully into three taxis for a gun site "somewhere in England." No one knew quite where we were going, and the last part of the journey was under Army escort.

Apart from the loneliness the gunners were to be envied their magnificent surroundings. It was all quite informal. The soldiers lay on the lawn, overlooking the sparkling Channel, and a stage had been erected at one end.

Ramsgate's Shirley Temple.

Hit of the evening, both with officers and men, was undoubtedly Ramsgate's Shirley Temple, little Miss Mary Richards.

Mary, who is 12 years of age, has the makings of a star. She has personality, a happy smile, a charming little voice and the knack of "getting" the audience. She was not in the least concerned that she was facing an audience of about a hundred soldiers—and Mary is not precocious.

In all Mary must have sung half a dozen songs, and by a little gesture with her hands had all the boys singing the choruses with her. The rounds of applause which greeted her must have rolled half-way across the Channel.

Another popular hit was cheery Sid Browning, a member of one of Ramsgate's A.R.P. rescue parties. Sid entertains because its in his blood and he loves it. Whether accompanying his own songs in lighter vein at the piano, or in more serious numbers such as "Old Man River," he was always sure of a good hand.

The setting was ideal for Mrs. Maxted's charming voice and one of the hardest-worked artistes was Professor Taney, who accompanied at the piano and led community singing with a piano-accordian.

No show these days is complete without a compere, but in addition to his duties as compere the Mayor also had a place on the programme. It was all great fun.

Tommy Wright and Jim Wing presented a double act, and with an entirely masculine audience the Misses Ansell and Tucker could not fail to please.

The next move, I understand, is to be the introduction into the programmes of concerted numbers.

The Mayor's Welfare Officer, Mrs. Peete, is largely responsible for the organisation of the concerts.

L.R.

HUSBAND WARNED

A warning that if he did not pay regularly he would be sent to prison was given at Ramsgate police court on Monday to Cecil Maurice Cayzer, of Hamilton-road, Sidcup, who was summoned for being £46 19s. in arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife and two children.

At a previous hearing Cayzer said he was trying to negotiate a loan to pay off the debt and he was expecting a cheque from South America.

On Monday Cayzer said the cheque had not arrived and he would not take up the loan as the interest rate was too high. He would have had to pay £100 for a loan of £50.

The Court Collector (Mr. E. A. Knight) said the arrears now amounted to £53 9s.

In reply to the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) Cayzer said he was earning an average of £6 18s. a week. He had to pay £1 2s. a week income tax.

The case was adjourned for a month on the understanding that defendant continued to pay £2 a week—30s. a week being the amount of the order and 10s. a week off the arrears.

LICENCES FOR BAKERS

After 28th July it will be an offence to manufacture or produce bread for sale without a license from the Ministry of Food.

Application forms for licenses, now obtainable by bakers at the local Food Offices, have to be returned by Saturday next.

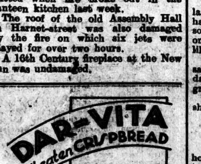
There is no need to hold a license to produce bread which is, for example, baked in a cafe or restaurant for use there only, or baked in an institution for consumption there; nor is it necessary to apply for a license for a bakery at which only cake or flour confectionery is made.

CANTEEN GUTTED

The Salvation Army canteen at Delf-street, Sandwich, and the New Inn adjoining, occupied by Mr. P. M. Hopkins, were almost completely gutted when fire broke out in the canteen kitchen last week.

The roof of the old Assembly Hall in Harnet-street was also damaged by the fire on which six jets were played for over two hours.

A 16th Century fireplace at the New Inn was undamaged.



PHOTOGRAPHER DIES

TEN DAYS AFTER JOINING R.A.F.

A well-known Margate photographer, A/C2 Eric Edgar Cox, aged 37 years, of 80 Sweyn-road, who died after serving in the R.A.F. only ten days, was buried at Margate Cemetery last week.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. E. Cox, A/C2 Cox had been a partner in the photographic firm of Edward Cox for about 17 years. An old boy of Holy Trinity School, he had played football for Thanet Banks and was a member of the committee of the Working Men's Club.

Undergoing an operation for rupture about five years ago, he had since had to avoid physical exertion. He was called up for service under his age group on 21st June, less than six weeks after having attended at an R.A.F. centre for attestation, having previously been classed grade II by the medical board. For some years he had had to wear surgical boots on account of the condition of his feet, and three days after reporting he had to ask permission to wear them in place of service boots.

At the end of his first week he was taken to hospital with abdominal pains, and died three days later. A post-mortem examination revealed that he had suffered a recurrence of the rupture.

At the funeral service conducted by the Rev. A. Mapson, the mourners were Mr. Ernest Cox, Gnr. Bernard Cox and Mr. Gordon Cox (brothers), Sergt. Bruce Cox (nephew), Mrs. Hogbin (aunt) and Mr. M. Hogbin (cousin). Members of the Working Men's Club were also present.

TENANTS WHO EVACUATED

OWNER SECURES POSSESSION

At the July sitting of Margate County Court, Judge Clements made an order for the possession of a house against tenants who had evacuated and whose present whereabouts were unknown.

Emily Jarrett, of Southcroft-road, Tooting, S.W., claimed possession of 12 Grosvenor-place, Margate, from John Harris and Ruth Harris. There were arrears of rent amounting to £94, but no order for payment was sought, Mr. C. R. Mitchell, plaintiff's solicitor, saying he did not think there was any hope of obtaining the money.

Mr. Mitchell said the house was let to defendants under an agreement for three years, expiring in March, 1941. The tenants were first in arrears with the rent at Christmas 1938. They voluntarily evacuated from the town in May, 1940, when the arrears were £37 13s. 4d. The rent was £70 a year, but in February, 1940, there were negotiations between the parties whereby plaintiff agreed to accept 23s. a week instead of 27s. The arrears up to the date when the moratorium was declared in July were £48, but to date of the expiry of the agreement they were £94.

Leslie Jarrett, of Streatham, plaintiff's son, who said the whereabouts of defendants were not known, added that there was a small amount of furniture remaining in the house.

It was stated that the summons was served by nailing it on the door of the property, and that the service of the order would be effected in the same way.

His Honour Judge Clements made an order for possession with costs.

RAMSGATE TARGETS

SUMMER SAVING CAMPAIGN

After being open only a week the Advice Bureau established at King-street, Ramsgate, to stimulate interest in the summer savings campaign had registered sales amounting to £218 3s. 6d.

The Advice Bureau is open on Monday and Friday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 and on Saturdays between 3 and 5 and 5.30 and 7.30 p.m.

National Savings Stamps, Savings Certificates and other forms of Government investment are on sale at the bureau.

Targets already decided upon by existing groups are: Ramsgate Borough Police—complete equipment, including rifles, for four soldiers (£55); Banks and Building Society—rubber dinghy and Tommy gun (£65); Advertiser & Echo—two rifles (£14); Robinson and Allfree—mortar (£25); F. W. Woolworth—parachute (£40).

Food Office—Bren gun (£50); Deakin and Sons—general purpose bomb (£45); Cavendish Church—Tommy gun (£30); Municipal Offices—parachute and mortar (£65); East Kent Times—equipment of one soldier (£20); Gas and Water Offices—Tommy gun (£30).

Messrs. Deakin's group is to form the centre of a group for the traders between the Market and George-street and the East Kent Times group from George-street upwards.

The Cavendish Church group, of which Miss Uden, of Longslow, Goodwin-road, is secretary, will also embrace the street group for the Goodwin-road district.

New groups formed include the Southern Railway station staff and the King's Theatre.

Savings certificates are being offered as prizes in connection with bowls competitions being held at the St. Lawrence Cliffs greens on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

LITTLE DEVILS

BROTHERS TO BE SEPARATED

Two brothers, described by their mother as "little devils," are to be parted.

The boys appeared before the magistrates at Margate Juvenile Court for breach of recognisances and were sent to remand homes pending arrangements being made for them to enter approved schools. One boy will train for the Navy and the other for farming.

It was stated that since they were last before the court one of the boys had broken into two houses and stolen some books. The other left a job after one-and-a-half days because he did not like it.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray) said the mother was out at work till day and there was only an infirm grandmother at home.

The mother agreed that the boys should be separated.

YOUR COAL RATION

Notice is officially given that householders who have in stock more than two tons of coal other than fuel for domestic boilers cannot obtain any more this month and that no more fuel for domestic boilers can be acquired in July if the quantity on the premises exceeds one ton.

While the new Fuel and Lighting Order remains in force the permissible allowance of coal for household purposes will be one ton per calendar month.

WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

"... she chases Messerschmitts!"

But she seems such a gentle little woman.

Just think of what she's done—she started our Savings Group and she's got the whole street saving as it never saved before.

That's true. And she sets us all a good example by saving like a demon.

Her boy's a fighter pilot and she's all out to help him ... she says every bit you save means so many more men and things set free to win the war.

We're lucky to have her—we'll back her up by putting everything we can into War Savings.

How much are *you* helping the R.A.F.? *Here's how you can help. Where you live or work join a War Savings Group: if there isn't one, form one with your friends. Get in touch with the Hon. Secretary of your Local Savings Committee. Your Post Office will tell you his address. Cut down your spending: lend all you save:* PUT IT INTO WAR SAVINGS EVERY WEEK.

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COUNCILLOR RESIGNS

BROADSTAIRS VACANCY

Following the resignation of Councillor G. Stewart, nominations are invited by Broadstairs Council for the co-option of a new member to represent the Central Ward.

Nominations have to be sent to Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to the Council, by 28th July.

Councillor Stewart, who was first elected in May, 1938, when he defeated Mr. H. Bing by four votes and was again returned the following year when he won a contest by 79 votes, has been living away from the district for some time.

He had been chairman of the Pleasure Grounds Committee and the Law and Parliamentary Committee.

MARGATE

Ex-Police Sergeant's Death.—The death has occurred of ex-Police Sergt. A. Barratt, a retired member of Margate borough force.

Mr. Richard P. Hurst.—Popularly known as "Chinaman" Hurst, Mr. Richard P. Hurst, of Marlborough-road, Margate, who died at Folkestone at the age of 79, was buried at Margate Cemetery on Monday. Mr Hurst leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom is manager of the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Funeral of Mrs. G. C. Russell.—The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Wednesday of Mrs. Edith Margaret Russell, wife of Mr. G. C. Russell, of Bird's-avenue, Garlinge. Mrs. Russell, who was 62 years of age, had lived in Garlinge for 39 years. She had been closely associated with the work of St. James' Church, and particularly the Mothers' Union.

WAR SAVINGS BOWLS

Although over 80 Mr. C. Nixon, who returned to Ramsgate recently, has lost none of his skill as a bowler.

Sixteen players took part in a War Savings pairs bowls competition at the St. Lawrence Cliffs green on Saturday, when the winners were Mr. Nixon and Mr. W. Ellis.

In a deciding game over five ends for the Savings Certificate Mr. Nixon beat his junior partner comfortably.

MIDLAND BANK DIVIDEND

The directors of the Midland Bank Ltd. announce that the interim dividend for the half-year ended 30th June will again be at the rate of eight per cent. actual less income tax.

Mrs. Day, widow of the Rev. B. W. Day, late rector of St. Peter's, Sandwich, left estate valued at £40,613.

"I speak in the language all freedom-loving people understand—the language of the heart, that centre of truth that so many clever men neglect."—King Peter of Jugoslavia.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	10.57 p.m.	5.16 a.m.
Wednesday	10.56 p.m.	5.16 a.m.
Thursday	10.55 p.m.	5.17 a.m.
Friday	10.54 p.m.	5.18 a.m.
Saturday	10.53 p.m.	5.19 a.m.
Sunday	10.52 p.m.	5.20 a.m.
Monday	10.51 p.m.	5.21 a.m.

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ABSENT GUARDIANS

When Councillor W. Hawkins, of Ramsgate, enquired at a meeting of the North East Kent Guardians Committee on Monday what was the position of members who had left the district the Chairman, Mr. H. T. Willett, said the matter would be discussed in committee.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIAGES

Brissenden—Foad.—9th July, at St. Mary's Church, Minster, John William Brissenden, of Ramsgate, to Elsie May Foad, of Minster.

Millson—Miles.—5th July, at St. John's Church, Margate, Edward Charles Millson, of London, to Irene Maud Miles, of Margate.

DEATHS

Bone.—3rd July, Barnard Bone, of 11 Stanley-road, Broadstairs, aged 84 years.

Brimley.—5th July, at The White Lodge, Margate-road, Ramsgate, Maud Elizabeth Brimley, aged 54 years.

Horn.—30th June, Matilda Maria Horn, of 70 Sweyn-road, Cliftonville, Margate, aged 79 years.

Hurst.—9th July, at the Elham Institution, Folkestone, Richard Philip Hurst, of Margate, aged 79 years.

Lancaster.—6th July, at Hillside, Queensdown Estate, near Westgate-on-Sea, Richard Lancaster.

Smith.—15th July, at Nether Hale, Birchington, Marian Esther Smith, aged 87 years.

Stenning.—4th July, at Offelde Farm, Holbeton, Plymouth, Ethel Lizzie Isabelle Stenning, of 4a Percy-road, Broadstairs, aged 77 years.

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. M. E. Brimley wish to thank their many friends for messages of condolence and beautiful floral tributes also the doctor and nurses for their kind attention, and Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son for the funeral arrangements. Will friends please accept this as an acknowledgment of their expressions of sympathy. God grant that she may now enjoy the happiness she gave to others throughout her life.

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